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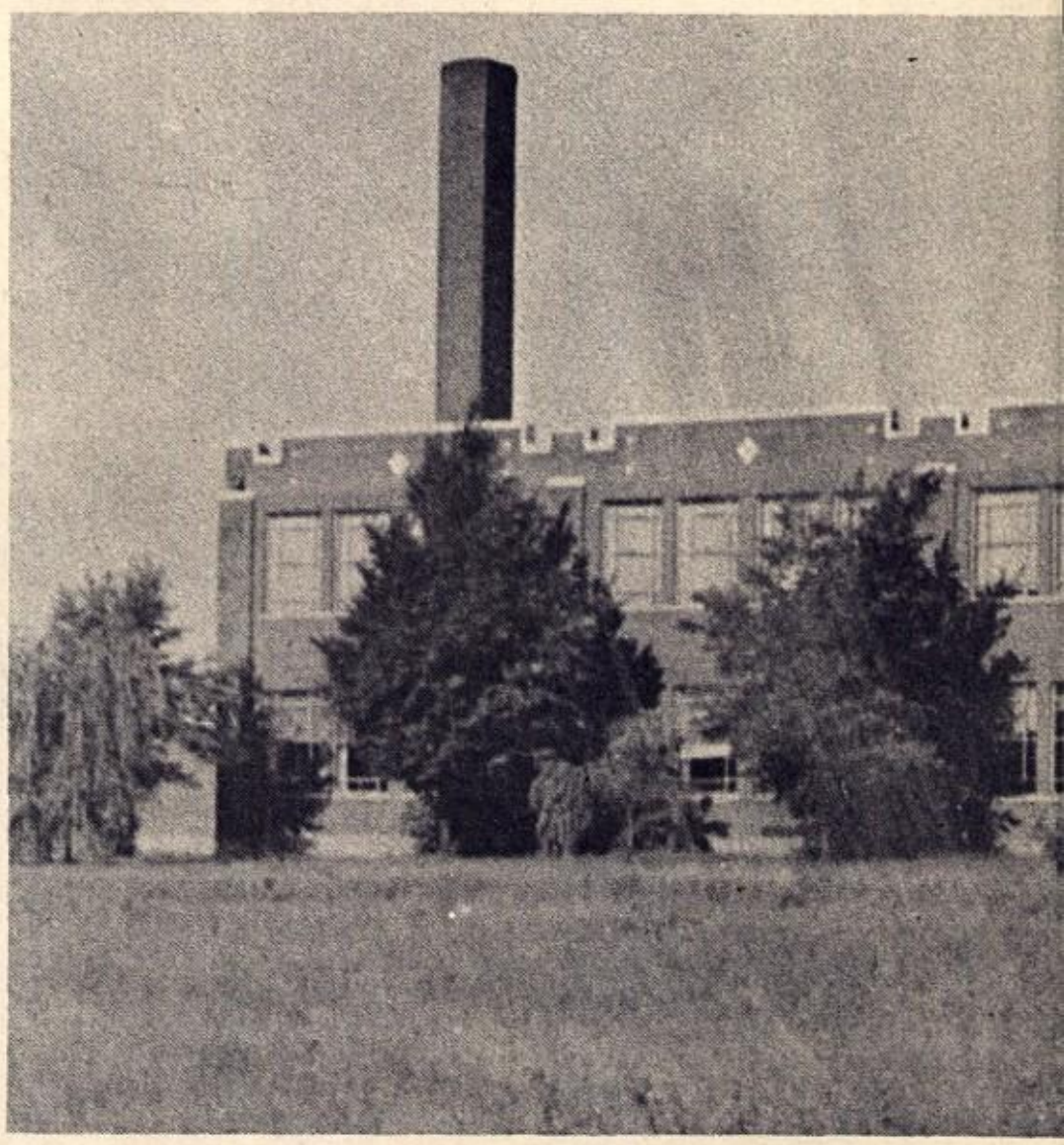

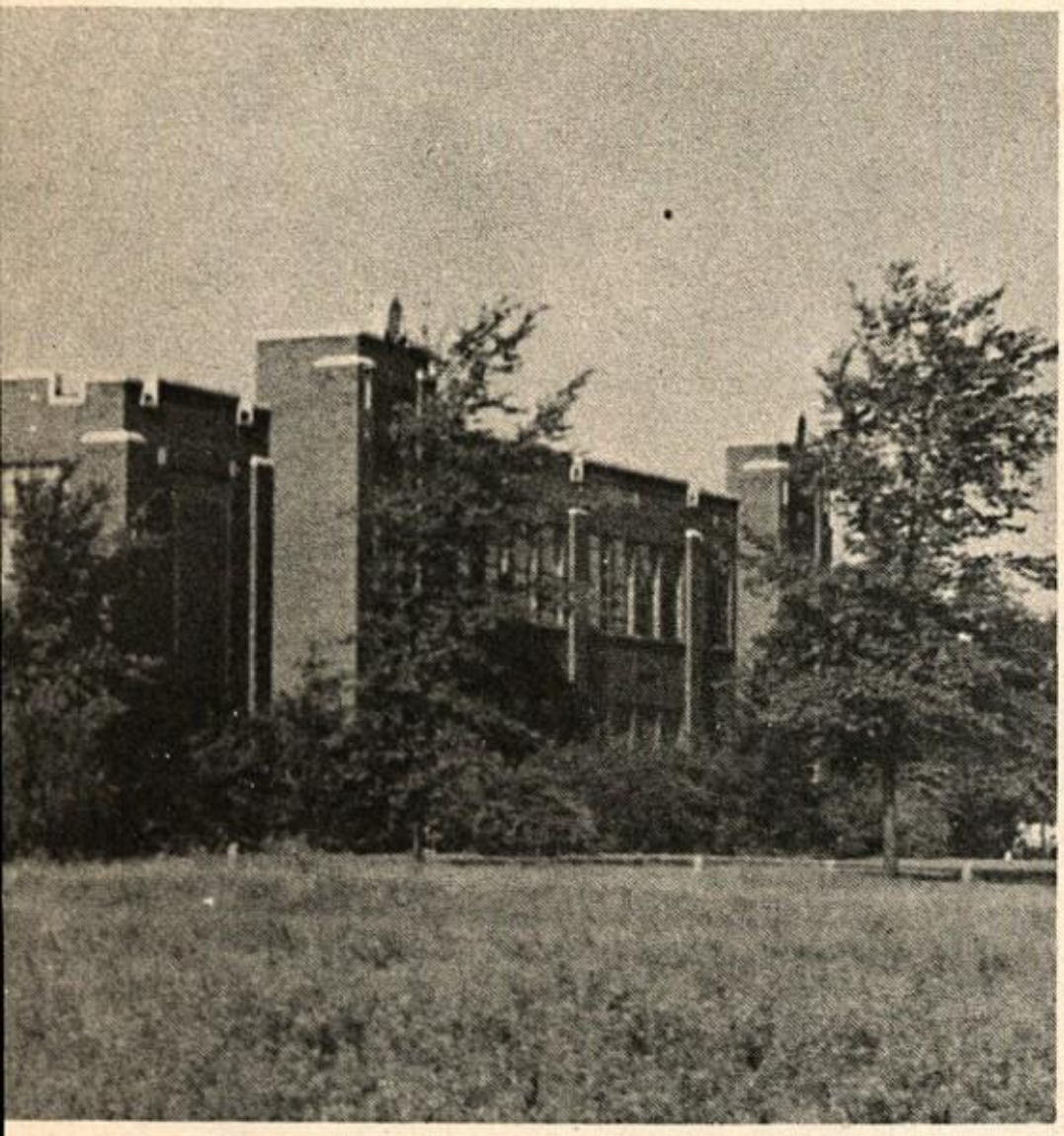

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FOREWORD

As co-editors of this publication we wish to express our appreciation to those who cooperated so splendidly in making it possible. To Mr. H. Paul Kelsay, to Mr. Milton Harke, and to the staff members a very sincere note of thanks.

We have attempted in this book to give you more than a plain, unvarnished history of this year at Washington-Clay High School. We have attempted rather, to give you some of the spirit, the heart, a living, breathing part of the Class of 1946.

We submit to you this book. May you be the judges of this book, the fruit of our labor.

Elnora Izdepski
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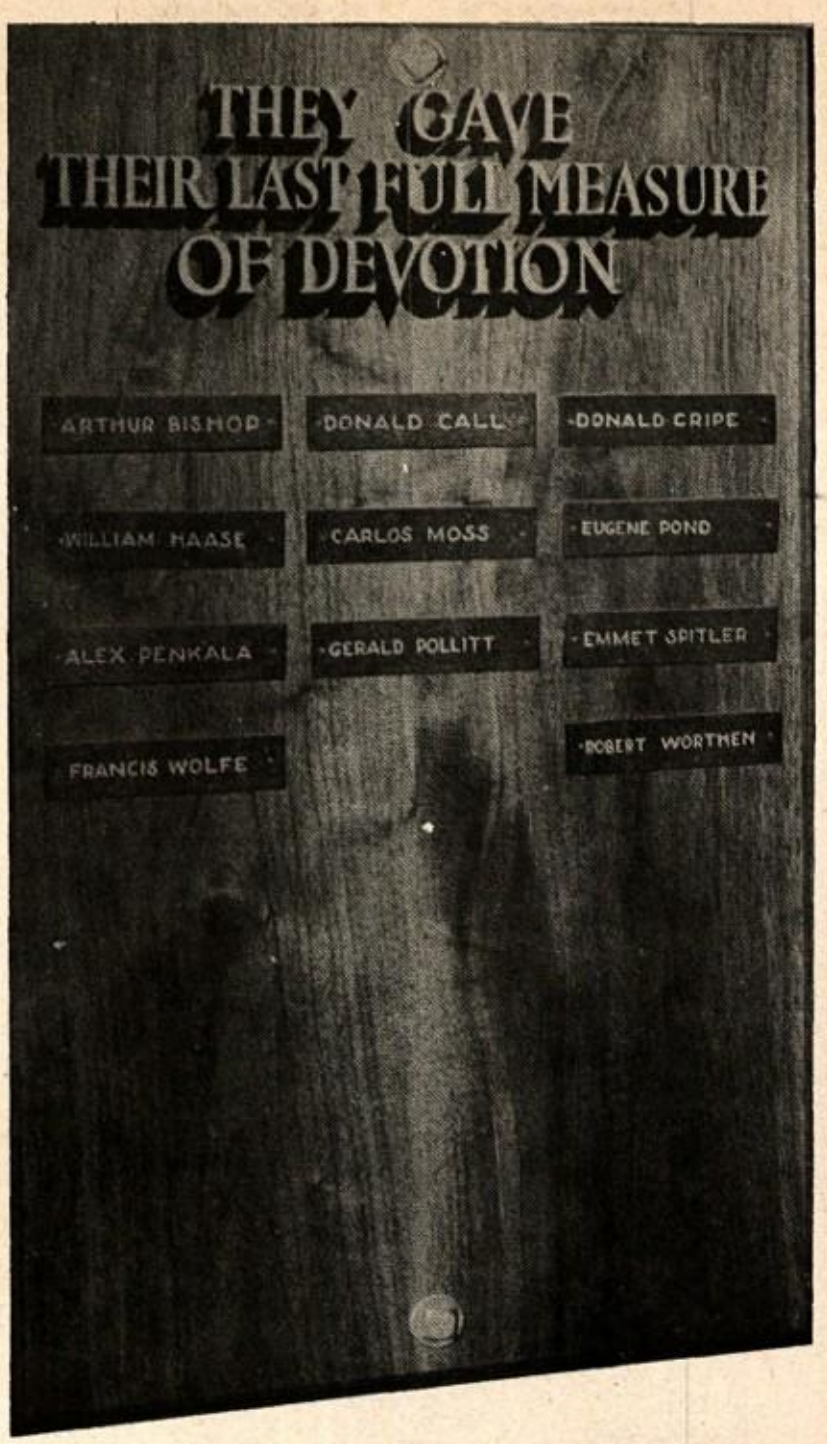

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Abraham Lincoln

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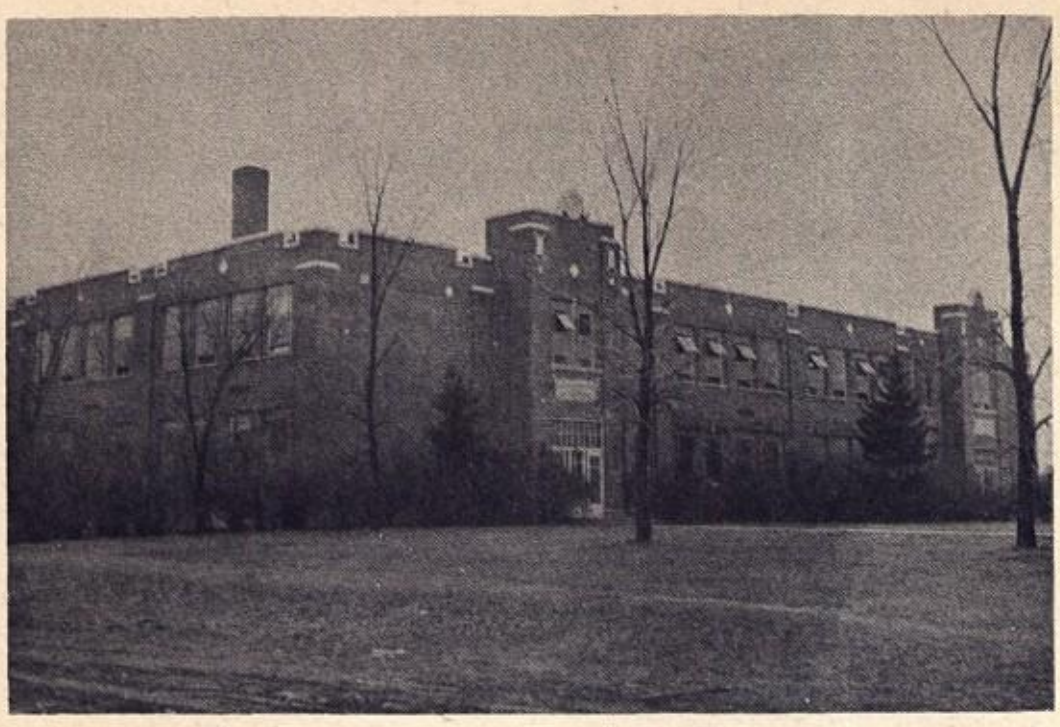

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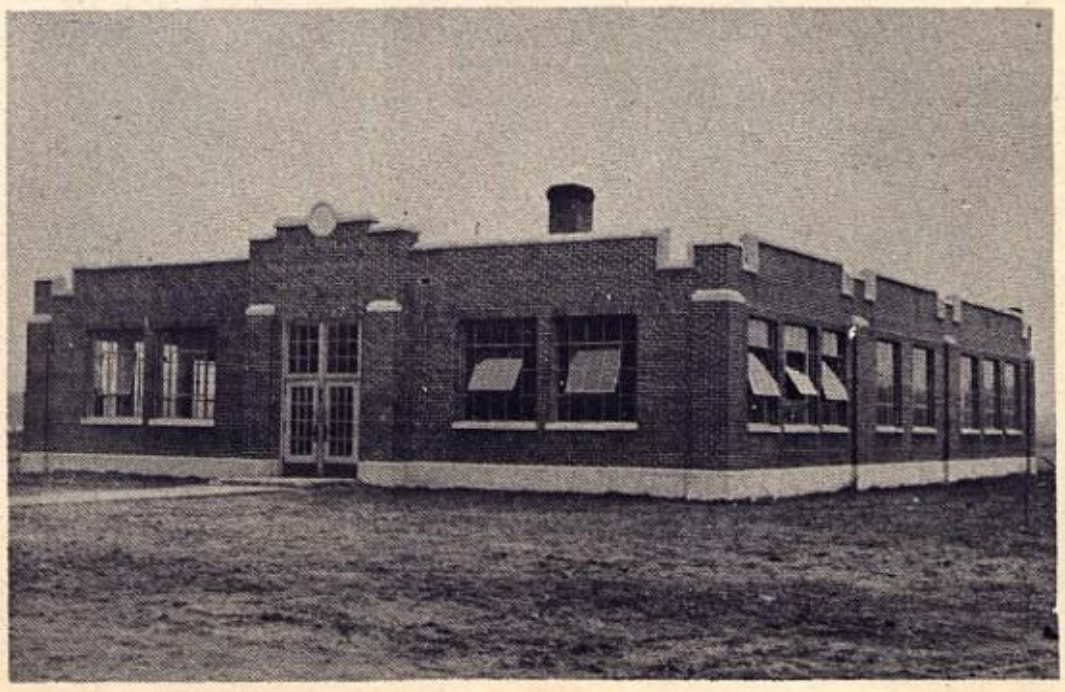

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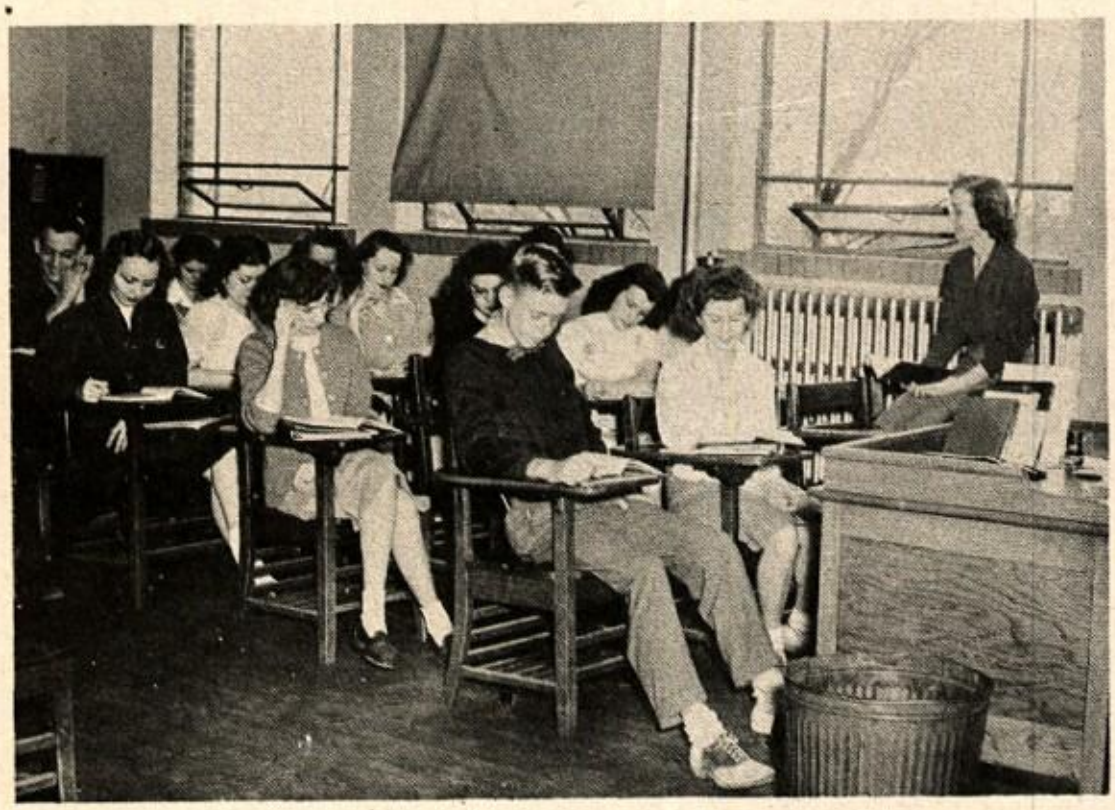

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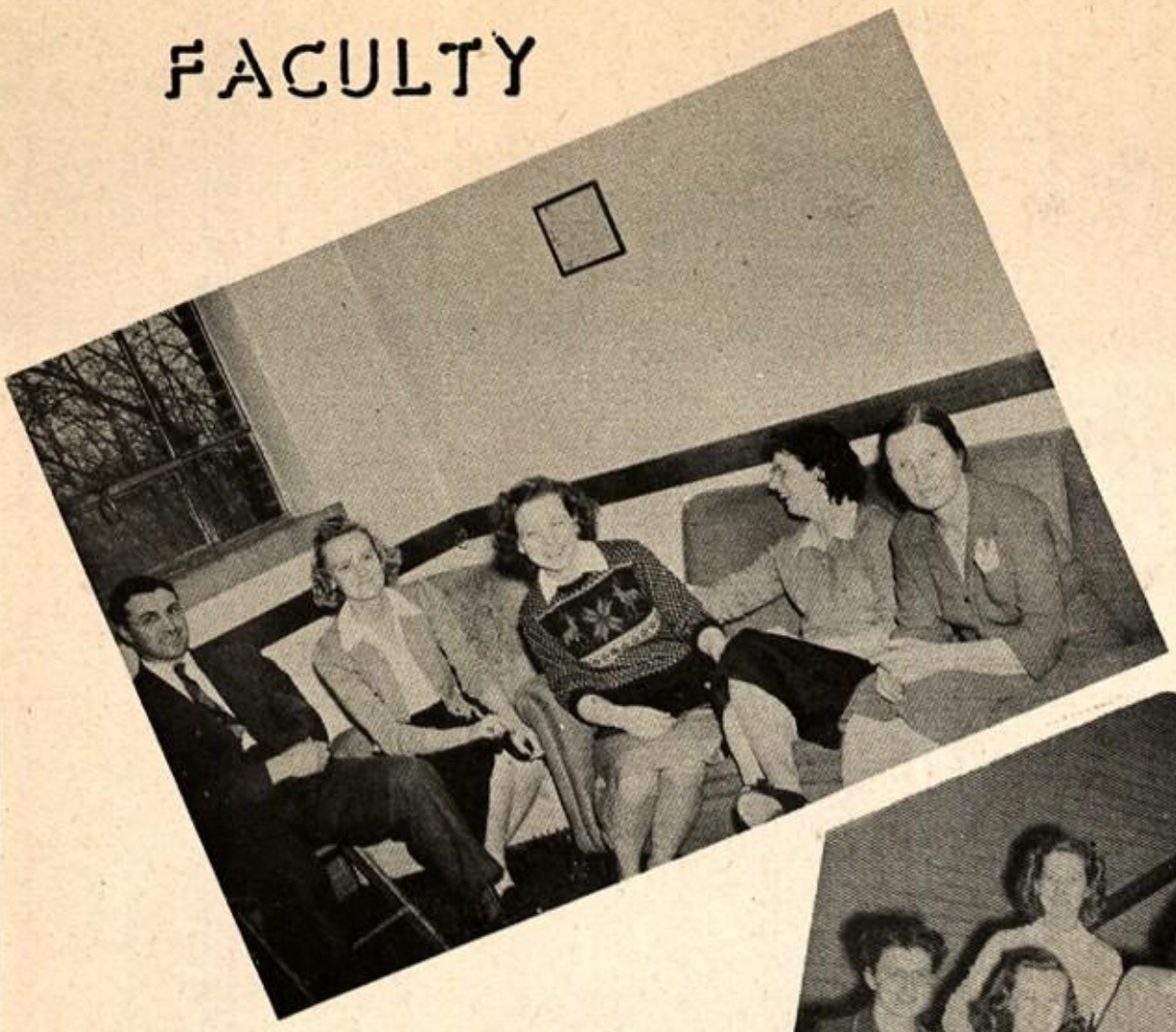

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Mr. Taylor

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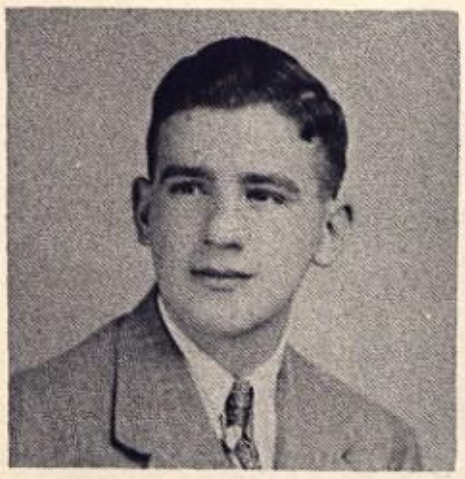

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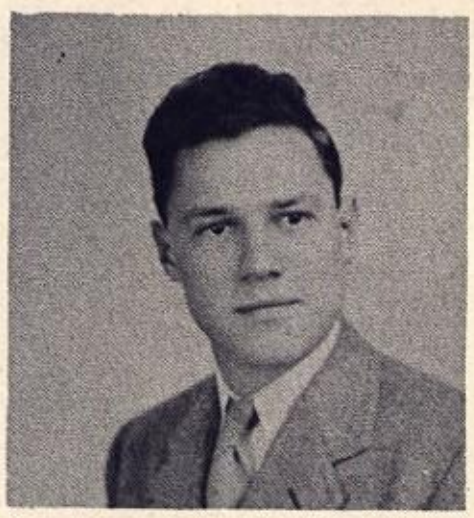

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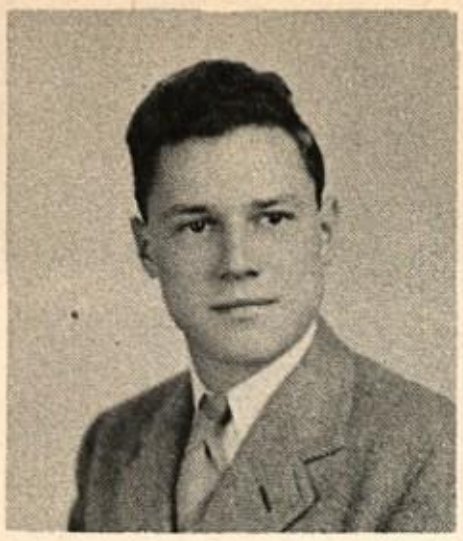

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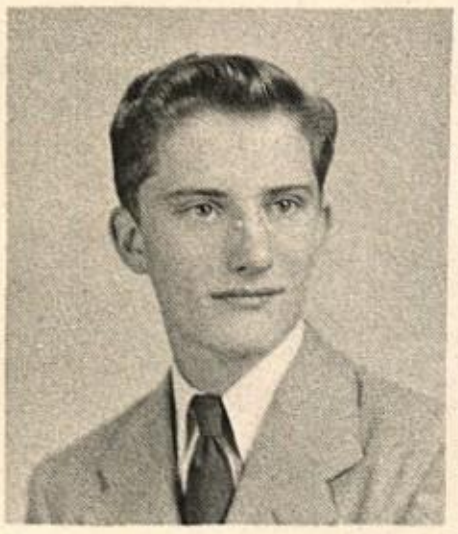

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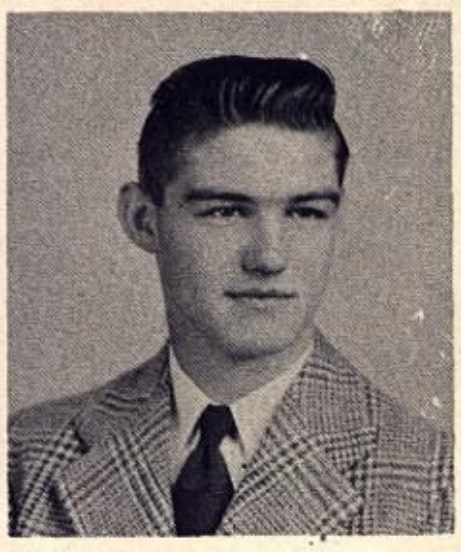

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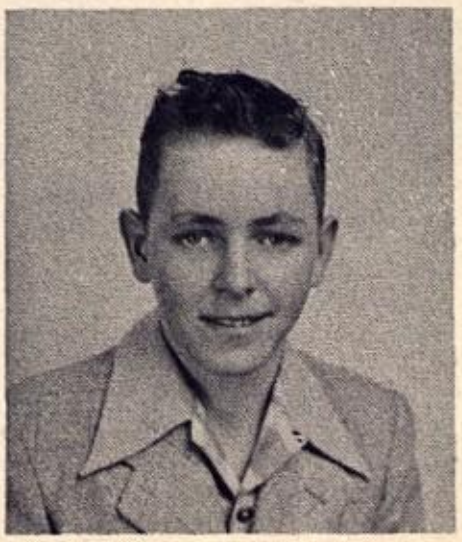

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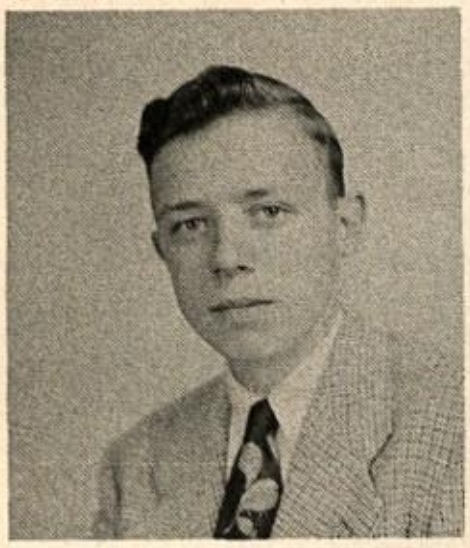

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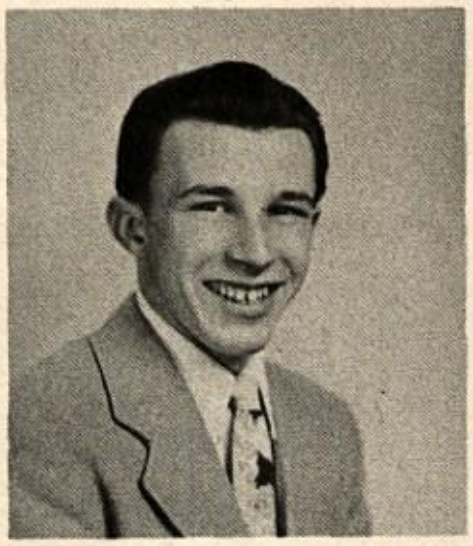

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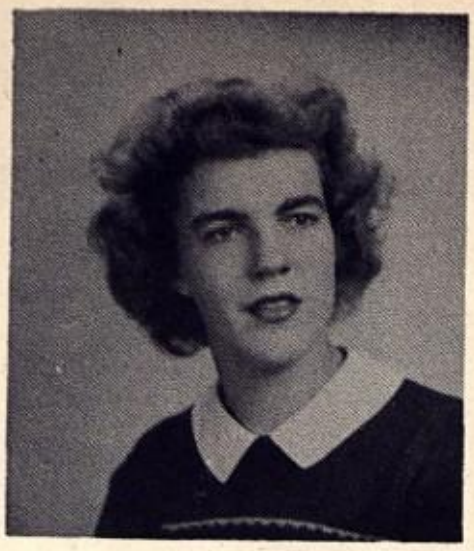

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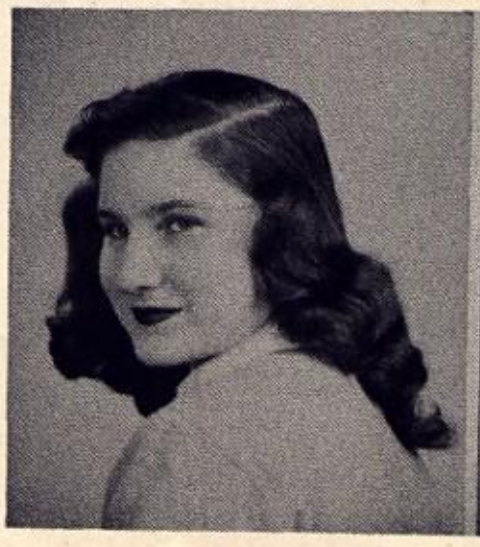

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SHIRLEY MacCORMICK

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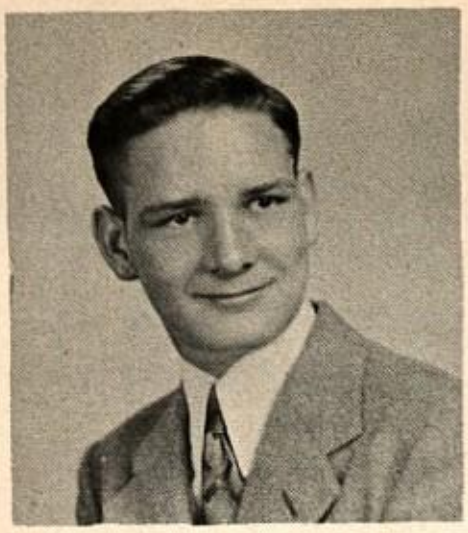

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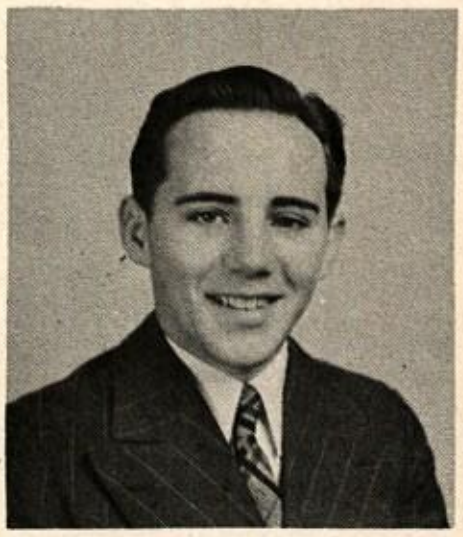

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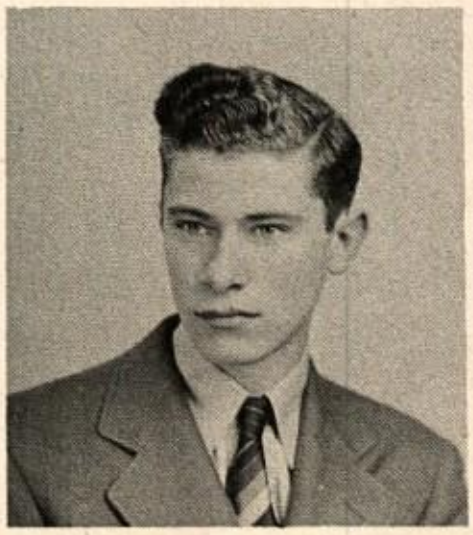

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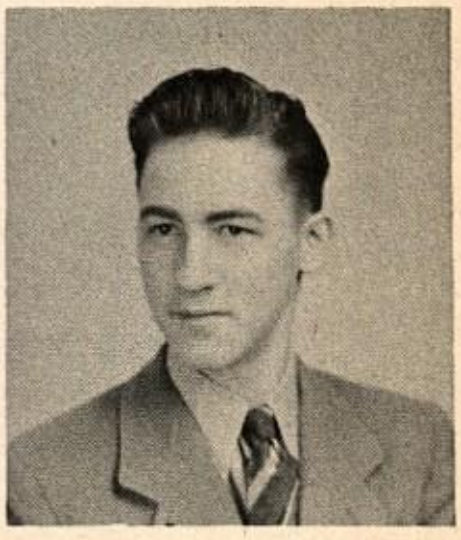

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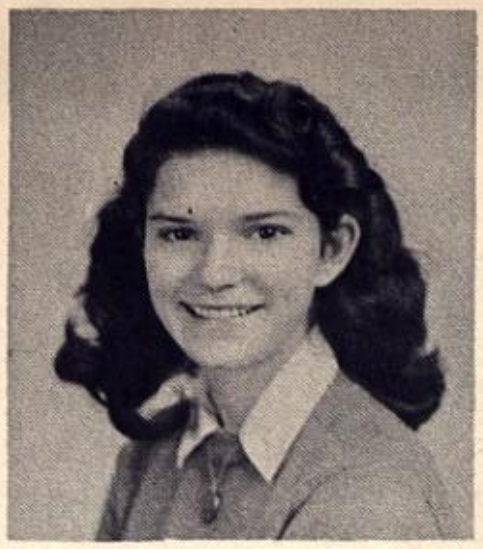

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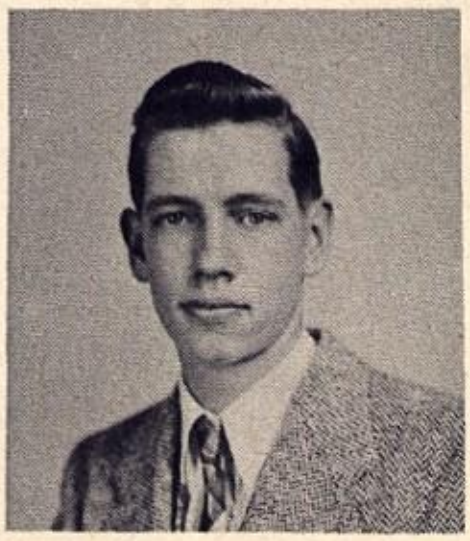

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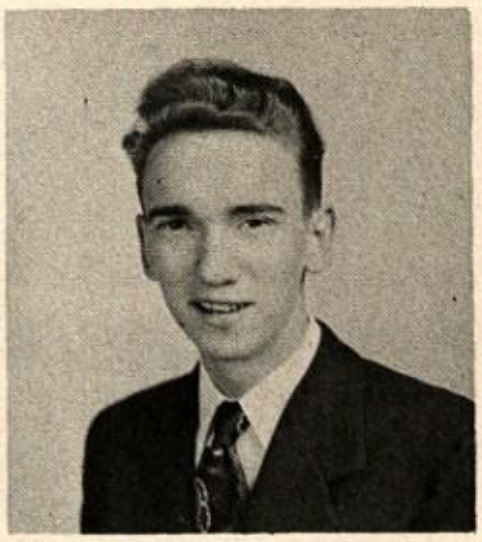

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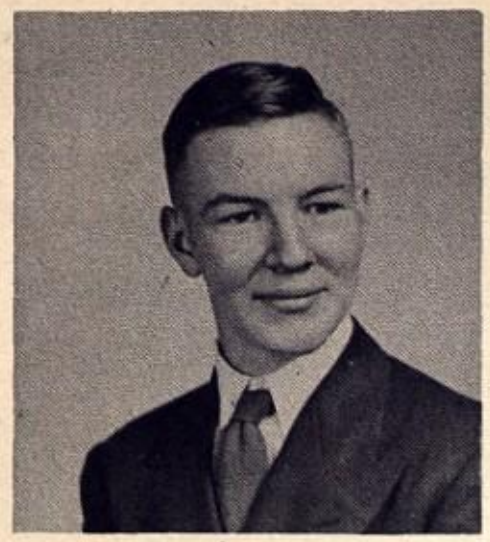

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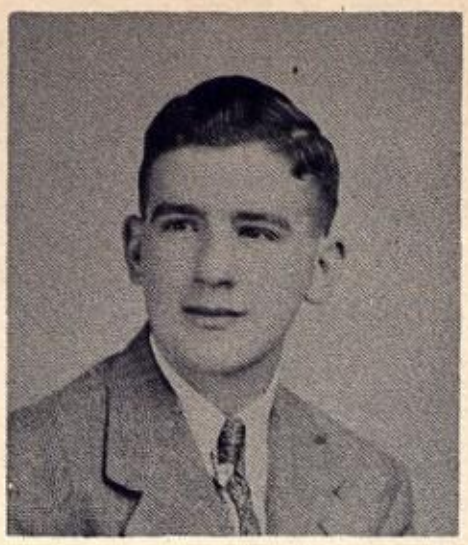

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HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '46

We, the class of 1946, well recognized as the most brilliant ever to grace the halls of Washington-Clay High School began our quest for fame in the latter part of 1943, September to be exact. As freshmen, we excelled in forming plans, few of which were ever carried past the beginning stages, but served to distinguish our class as one which was to become famous. Sponsors during our freshman year were Mr. Harke, Miss Reed, and Miss Johnston. Officers were: Jack Harrison, president; George Walsh, vice-president; Charles Helmen, secretary; and Barbara Sechrist, treasurer.

Becoming more active in our sophomore year, we sponsored a noon movie, held a class party, and produced the play of the century, "Make Room for Rodney." Sponsors during our sophomore year were Mr. Mark, Mr. Rogers, and Miss Dearing. Officers were: Marjorie Hosler, president; Clarence Hill, vice-president; Anne Green, secretary; and Betty Lou Brown, treasurer.

Our junior year was begun with the presentation of a dance, "The Harvest Hop." Financial matters entered into the picture at this time and we embarked on a magazine subscription campaign with the seniors as opponents. Who were victorious? Why, the juniors, naturally. In the early part of May we produced our class play, "June Mad" which will undoubtedly go down into history as the greatest production ever to grace the stage at Washington-Clay. Taking leading parts in the double cast were George Walsh and Patricia Romine in one and Charles Strom and Betty Lou Brown in the other. The Junior-Senior Prom was presented May 19 with music by Myron Walz and his Orchestra. An unforgetable event, it was truly a grand climax to our junior year. Sponsors during our junior year were Mr. Mark, Mr. Rogers, and Miss Dearing. Officers were: Marjorie Hosler, president; Richard Asire, vice-president; Anne Green, secretary; and Elnora Izdepski, treasurer.

Destined to be the first peace-time graduating class since the spring of 1941 we entered Washington-Clay for the last time in the fall of 1945. We were now mighty and brilliant seniors or so we told ourselves. We began the year with the presentation of the 7th Annual Sweater Hop with Bud Simpson and his Orchestra as music makers. The sponsors during our senior year were Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Zeiger. Officers were: Eugene Wilson, president; Charles Helmen, vice-president; George Walsh, secretary; Phyllis Galvas, treasurer; and Richard Asire, Sgt. at Arms. Donning our dark glasses at the beginning of the year we sold schedule pencils realizing quite a profit. Later in the year a carnival was presented under the sponsorhip of the P.T.A. and the senior class. April 26 we departed for parts unknown in the annual skip day. May was undoubtedly a climax for our high school career. May 15 we presented our class play, "Our Town"; May 18 we attended the Junior-Senior Prom which featured Bud Simpson; May 24...the night of all nights...finis for the class of 1946...

CLASS OF '47

Standing: Richard Brown, Jerry Green
Seated: Phyllis Kubiak, Alice Kresin

Class officers for this, the junior class are: Alice Kresin, president; Jerry Green, vice-president; Phyllis Kubiak, secretary; and Richard Brown, treasurer. Sponsors are Mrs. Goheen, Miss Dome, and Miss Pilsitz.

The class was active throughout the year, presenting a dance, Autumn Serenade, sponsoring the Junior-Senior Prom held at the Oliver Hotel, and participating in a magazine contest.

Representatives from the class on the basketball team were Larry Heckaman, Harold Asire, Paul Womack, Jerry Green, Tom Frasier, Kenny Butterbaugh, Cecil Bennett, and Richard Brown. The first three on the varsity, the last five on the Bee team.

Representatives in the National Honor Society were Marian Sones, Mary Nemeth, Lucille Newman, Philip Claxton, and Elizabeth Lehner.

Mary Lou McCormick was one of the three cheerleaders and quite a few juniors were members of the Booster Club.

We are anticipating an even better year as seniors.

3rd Row: Phyllis Bayer, Evelyn Ebersole, Elizabeth Danielson, Geraldine Bombrys, Joyce Haskins, Betty Gray, Mary Droud, Rosalie Saliers.
2nd Row: Harold Asire, Elmer Gaedtke, Ralph Fowler, Thomas Frasier, Eugene Forray, Ralph Beverage, Robert Casper, Mrs. Goheen.
1st Row: Kenneth Butterbaugh, Cecil Bennett, Ruth Buckland, Alice Kresin, Anna Jeanne Wertz, Helen Ann Barrett, Doris Badman, Jerry Green, Philip Claxton.

3rd Row: Ward Miller, Jo Anne Harrison, Lucille Newman, Billie Jean Krieghbaum, Francis Lee, Eva Holderman, Arthur Read, Wilfred Hoyt.
2nd Row: Robert Barnes, Leonard Mitchell, Kenneth Todd, William Hullinger, Fred Ream, Larry Heckaman, Robert Dunivant, Vernon Strecki, William Barrett, Blake Hinton.
1st Row: Bernard Hacker, Iona Montague, Joyce Murphy, Marygrace Singer, Joan Blair, Doris Sowell, Phyllis Kubiak, Edith Klopfenstien, Mona Rice, William Patitucci.

3rd Row: Mary Nemeth, Mildred Minnis, Marianne Van Es, William Sherman, James Clauser, Walter Trowbridge, Richard Brown, Earl Bailey, Richard Brown.
2nd Row: Miss Pilsitz, Joseph Welling, Robert Inwood, Richard Scheid, Archie Cornwell, Robert Struever, Glenn Peck, Hugh Masterman.
1st Row: Betty Lehner, Marian Sones, Evelyn Webber, Mary Sossoman, Mary Lou McCormick, Marguerite Barrett, Helen Sowers, Vida June Miller, Esther McDonald.

CLASS OF '48

Standing: J. C. Corley, Francis Claeys
Seated: Jane Huddlestun, Eunice Augh

Officers for the sophomore class were: Frank Claeys, president; Jane Huddlestun, vice-president; Eunice Augh, secretary; and J. C. Corley, treasurer. Sponsors are Mrs. Barber, Mr. Harbaugh, and Mrs. Schultz.

The class participated in few activities as a class throughout the year.

Those from the sophomore class on the basketball teams were Russell Huss on the varsity and Kenneth Call, Charles McNerney, William Schlundt, Russell Hosler, Bert Reader, Ralph Thompson, Donald Cornwell, Harold Webber, and J. C. Corley. Sophomores were also on the softball, baseball, and track teams.

A number of sophomore girls were members of the Sub Deb and G.A.A. Representatives from the sophomore class were also present on the Student Council, Shop Council, and Booster Club.

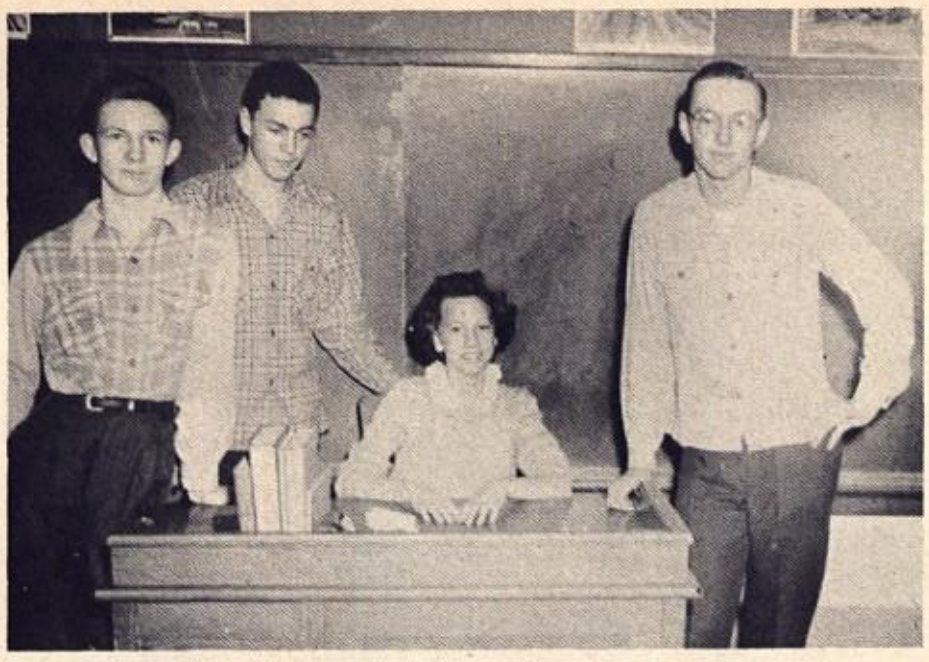
We expect a more active year as juniors.

4th Row: Thomas Haney, Gene Dunnick, J. C. Corley, Francis Claeys, Robert Landick, Kenneth Call, James Berger, Harry Klopfenstein.
3rd Row: Verna Bybee, Aaron Hosford, William Graham, Donald Church, Gordon Thompson, Charles McNerney, Richard Ferm, Donald Cornwell, Mary Alice Wagner, Mrs. Barber.
2nd Row: Beatrice Robinson, Louise Amato, Norma Hartung, Eunice Augh, Lois Butterbaugh, Jane Huddlestun, Velma Fowler, Teressa Lucas, June Lowe, Patricia Shoup.
1st Row: Kenneth De Prester, Mary Lou Bonebrake, Flora Armour, Rolland Wardlow, Norma Chapman, Patsy Bates, Edward Kubiak.

3rd Row: Richard Clauser, Richard Sausman, Harold Webber, Delmer O'Dell, Bert Reader, Dale Kreiter, Loran Miller, Raymond Alford, Delmar Gardner.
2nd Row: Mary Mahler, Nancy Geissel, Erma Holderman, Francis Leininger, John Kirkwood, William Schludt, Melvin Hahn, Russell Huss, Nancy Barrett, Martha Virgil, Mr. Harbaugh.
1st Row: Jean Grabowski, Shirley Hinchy, Lorraine Kubiak, Theresa Stopinski, Shirley Hibschman, Mary Lou Haskins, Betty Lou De Meyer, Dolores Konow, Regina Ivory, Phyllis Rinearson, Marjorie Schrader.

3 rd Row: Shirley Schneck, Rita Falk, Rose Schiller, Patricia May, Mary Kohli, Lucille Handley, Mrs. Sarah Schultz.
2nd Row: Eugene Sowell, Glen Swift, Russell Hosler, Gordon Heideman, Richard Adams, Ralph Thompson, John Thompson, Edward Finkenbinder, Cecil Hodgson.
1st Row: Richard Ault, Mary Reed, Betty Branstetter, Jacqulyne Forsythe, Delores Tschida, Juanita Beach, Billie Jean Mac Intyre, Joyce Amundson, Anita Kendall.

CLASS OF '49



Jerry Wilder, James Brown, Janet Chapman, Dwight Smith

Officers for the freshman class were: Janet Chapman, president; Jerry Wilder, vice-president; Dwight Smith, secretary; and James Brown, treasurer. Sponsors are Mr. Ernst, Mrs. Strickler, and Miss Matthews.

The class did not take part in many activities throughout the year. A class party was held early in November and that practically terminated our activities as a class.

James Brown was the only freshman playing on the Bee team. Several freshmen, however, were members of the track and baseball teams.

A number of freshmen are members of the Booster Club and Band. Freshmen are also respresented in the Student Council, Shop Council and other organizations. Freshmen girls are members of the Girls Athletic Association.

We are looking forward to a more active year as sophomores.

4th Row: Leatrice Sheiber, Margaret Zoller, Jo Anne Jackson, Janice Reed, Shirley Holmes, Ruth Schultz, Rita Crieder, Alice Troeger, Marie Van Es, Catherine Cline, Joyce Shock, Ruth Spitler, Betty Shaffer.
3rd Row: Dale Walsh, Jerry Wilder, Earl McDonald, Donald Thomas, William Garden, Ronald De Armon, Marritt Walder, Richard Head, Roy Jones, Walter Rose, Arthur Hartsough, Mr. Holton.
2nd Row: Shirley Patzel, Laura Simpson, Leona Pearson, Dolores Snow, Treva Smith, Malvern Smith, Norma Sailers, Gwen Wensel, Jennie Lee Romine, Eva Weinhold, Barbara Van Dyke.
1st Row: Eugene Penrose, Arthur Smith, John Kelly, Robert Beyerle, James York, Charles Smith, Kenneth Steele, Jerry Strecki.

3rd Row: Retha Penrose, Carolyn Beveridge, Hilda Roberts, Dorothy Blakeman, Mary Lou Vognar, Margie Thompson, Anna Toth, Duane Clobridge, Mary Ann Lamson, Imogene Zimmerman, Eileen Gore, Frances Hoyt, Nancy Corle.
2nd Row: Jane Danielson, Dolores Molnar, Lelah Dale, Dolores Singleton, Chester Donath, James Fox, Donald Brown, Philip Dehne, Raymond Dolph, Adrian Wiggins, James Brown, Raymond Johnson, Mrs. Strickler.
1st Row: Janet Chapman, Jacqueline Brunson, Jean Brerois, Theresa Jones, Charlotte Claxton, Rosemarie Haney, Norma Hills, Lois Schied, Nancy Harrison, Lois Voss, Harold Bloom, Charles Bybee.

3rd Row: Richard Nelson, Melvin Kulwicki, Ellen Matson, Leonard Bulyalski, Mary Dunivant, Richard Miller, Verla Berends, Bea Marie Filar, Beverly Dawson, Lola Besse, Dorothy Harris, Gloria Lewis
2nd Row: Dona Howard, Dwight Smith, Sam Mirkin, Louis Lanthier, Rolland Hoffman, Richard Van Lue, John Bulyalski, Bruce Searle, Leon Vandygriff, Robert Van Lue, Eugene Lanthier, Joseclyin Johnson, Miss Mathews.
1st Row: Anthony Van Es, Robert Leeds, Jean Wynn, Jeanette Harbaugh, Sally Mowers, Ronald Logan, Helen Mc Millen, Elaine Plew, Jack Blankenbaker, Joan Rose, Mary Syson, Nancy Lambert.

CLASS OF '50

4th Row: Beatrice Sowers, Marilyn Sellers, Marie Roempagel, Catherine Shearman, Kathryn Troeger, Norma Jean Thompson, Rosemary Ray, Jacqueline Sharum, Patricia Touhey, Patricia Spillman.
3rd Row: Mrs. Olin, Betty Solbrig, Frederick Walton, George Summers, Richard Walker, Leo Sebelski, Robert Sherland, Robert Roden, Douglas Wolf, Gerald Snyder, Constance Worthen.
2nd Row: Jean Salsbury, Caroline Squint, Rachel Rose, Bonnie Van Dusen, Anne Welch, Richard Wisner, Ora Riggle, Wayne Van Lue, Herman Reed, Anthony Vargo.
1st Row: Robie Roy Sailers, Cornelia Van Es, Stanley Romak, Jack Ryan.

3rd Row: Janis Myer, Marie Katona, Joyce Kane, Beverly Martin, June Norblad, Caroline Patterson, Charles Lavis, Roger Moore, Mina Jarvis, Mary Jane Matela.
2nd Row: Mr. Taylor, Jesse O'Donnell, Dorothy Blanchard, Norman Nelson, William Newman, Robert Mead, Clifford Lerum, Robert Liggett, Harold Likes, Alvin Miltenburger.
1st Row: Joyce Kuespert, Robert Mc Millen, Ronald Jaicomo, Ann Kreps, Eva Mae Matson, Mary June O'Dell, Bonnie Lou Nufer, Julius Karros, Alvadine Miltenburger, John Morris.

4th Row: Ruth Jones, Delores Woodcox, Mildred Ault, Mildred Grabowski, Yvonne Eckert, Martha Singer, Martha Badman, Dorothy Dockery.
3rd Row: Benjamin Gant, Donald Ansbaugh, Jerry Burke, James Grau, August Bultinck, Lester Gustafson, Jack Arnold, Allen Brown, Mr. Shearer.
2nd Row: June Hestad, Phyllis Corle, Clara Bultinck, Mildred Harthbarger, Raymond Baker, David Clinger, Keith Handley, Jack Brady, William Stitt, Barbara Howard, Marilyn Barnhart.
1st Row: Howard Worthen, Charles Beaver, William Hoel, James Haney, Robert Huddlestun, Francis Grinert, James Bradburn.

CLASS OF '51

3rd Row: Arlon Ault, Jack Hinchy, Michael Finneran, Howard Bashore, Delmar Kizer, Larry Kreighbaum, Edmund McFadden, George Fedler, William Bradburn, Leslie Leason.
2nd Row: Mrs. Hammond, Virginia Izdepski, James Brown, Deloise Dolph, Richard Dawson, Nicetta Marshall, Rosemary Lavis, Betty Fisk, Eleanor Bowers, Rosemary Hawkey.
1st Row: Kathryn De Preister, Shirley Clobridge, Doris Dahl, Leona Berends, Gertrude Gallas, Patricia Danielson, Carol Cameron, Phyllis Blair, Katherine Crawford, Patricia Dawson, Edna Branstetter, Mary Harrison, Janice Hartung.

4th Row: Kenneth Vandergriff, Thomas Van Lue, Phyllis Strunk, Jack Stone, Donald Schlundt, Norma Jean Stewart, Ralph Newman, Ronald Mead, Kenneth Rose, Leo Tam.
3rd Row: Walter Taberski, Raymond Rose, David Uselton, Vesta Petrie, Vera Mae Struever, Margaret Pugh, Marlene Thompson, Dorothy Sebelski, Betty Jane Pelchelco.
2nd Row: Raymond Shoup, Grant Mursch, Jack Sherwood, George Nyceges, Raymond Ritter, Violet Sims, Delores Vehel, John Neber, Shirley VanDusen, Delores Taberski.
1st Row: Robert Shaffer, Richard Ryan, Robert Seifer, John Schrader.

CLASS OF '52

3rd Row: Jack Walton, Donald Root, Virginia Syson, Ricky Waldron, Shirley Nyerges, Lee Roy Bennett, Lynn Nemeth, Carol Leason, Donald Harky, Norman Wynn.
2nd Row: Courtlyn Miles, Ruth Ellen Walsh, Patricia Morse, Louise Coyle, William Bradshaw, Susan Roden, Barbara Hickman, Carolyn Klinker, Beverly Shindledecker, Miss Haney.
1st Row: Larry Bergt, Betty Strunk, David Blackburn, James Wenzel, Carolyn Harrison, Jack Richardson, Patrick Greene, Donna Tooper, Kathleen Haskins, Jeanette Gallas, Helen Riffel.

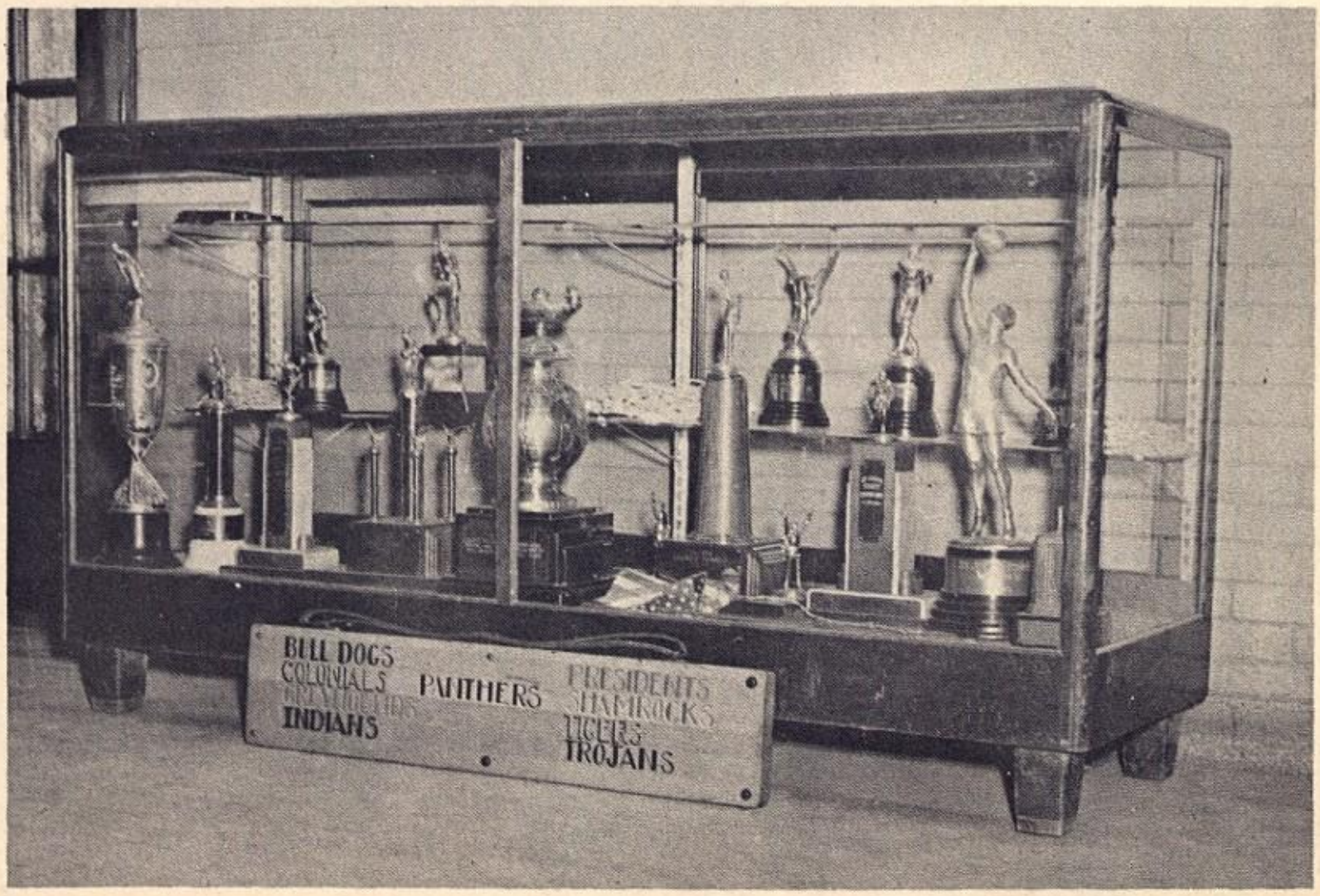
3rd Row: John Jones, Dale Stout, Dwain Spencer, Floyd Ebersole, Kenneth Wisler, Carl Austin, Larry Dershem, Keith Stone.
2nd Row: Mrs. Pearson, Mary Alward, Mary Lou Morehouse, Dorothy Thomson, Wanda Stricher, Arthur Deeds, Betty Pugh, Lois Jean Langley, Eldean Rupley, Jerry Miller.
1st Row: Nancy Gollnick, Donna Sausman, Peggy Schulp, Maejil Carter, Maxine Bognar, Doris Dawson, Marilyn Smith, Charles Nelson, Dale Frash, Robert Cooper, Gordon Langner, Kenneth Smith.

ATHLETICS

INTRODUCTION

Coaches Hershel Eaton and Hubert Blair

Washington-Clay's athletic department headed by Herschel Eaton and Hubert Blair has formulated three definite goals for its athletic program. They are: to aid physical and mental development; to cultivate sportsmanship; and to provide an organized system of recreation. To achieve these goals, an extensive intermural and intramural program was established offering an opportunity to participate in athletics to a large number of students. Aiding this program is the physical education department which offers an identical program to those who are unable to participate in either the intermural or intramural programs. This program has thus far proved most successful and should continue to aid students in the future.



The trophy case reminiscent of past and present conquests

VARSITY BASKETBALL

3rd Row: Jerry Haney
2nd Row: Paul Womack, Larry Heckaman, Russell Huss
1st Row: Dick Asire, George Walsh, Harold Asire

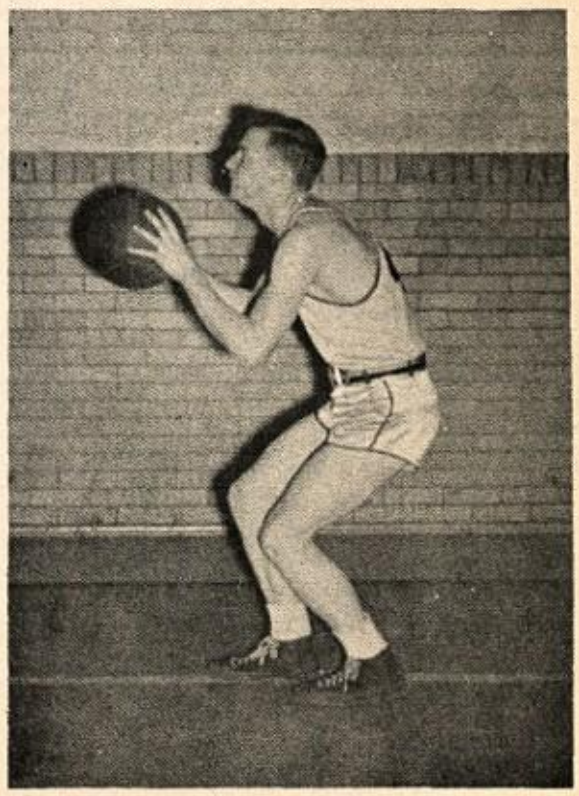
Washington-Clay's Colonials experienced a disappointing season in 1946. Hot on one occasion, they toppled some of the most formidable opponents. Cold on another occasion, they were upset by some of the conference's weaker teams. The complete record lists eight victories and ten defeats. All eight victories were scored over conference opponents while six defeats were dealt by non conference quintets.

The varsity consisted of veterans Larry Heckaman, Paul Womack, Jerry Haney, Dick Asire, Harold Asire, George Walsh, and newcomer Russell Huss, a Bee team member as of last season.

Alternates on the varsity were Richard Brown, Kenny Butterbaugh, Bert Reader, Don Cornwell, Kenny Call, and Ralph Thompson, all members of the Bee squad.

Russell Huss led scorers with Dick Asire second and Larry Heckaman third.

Coach Hershel Eaton



Captain Larry Heckaman

Larry Heckaman,
Richard Asire,
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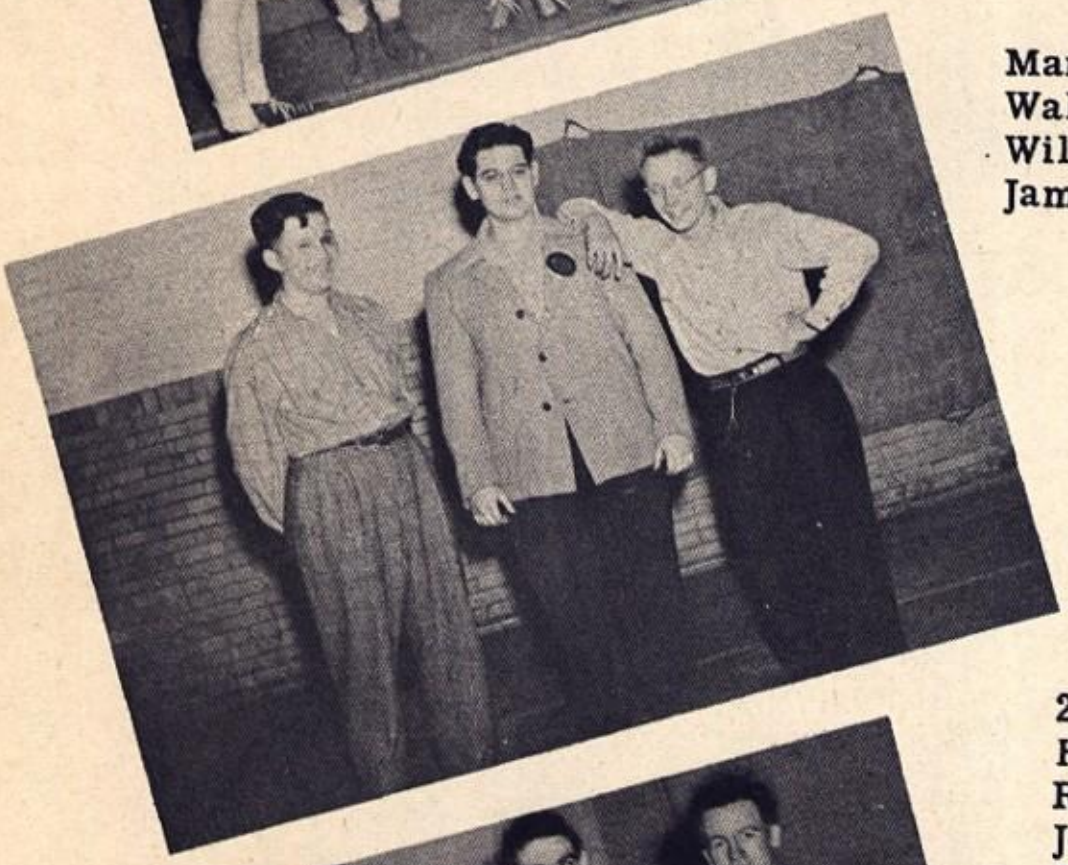
Harold Asire.

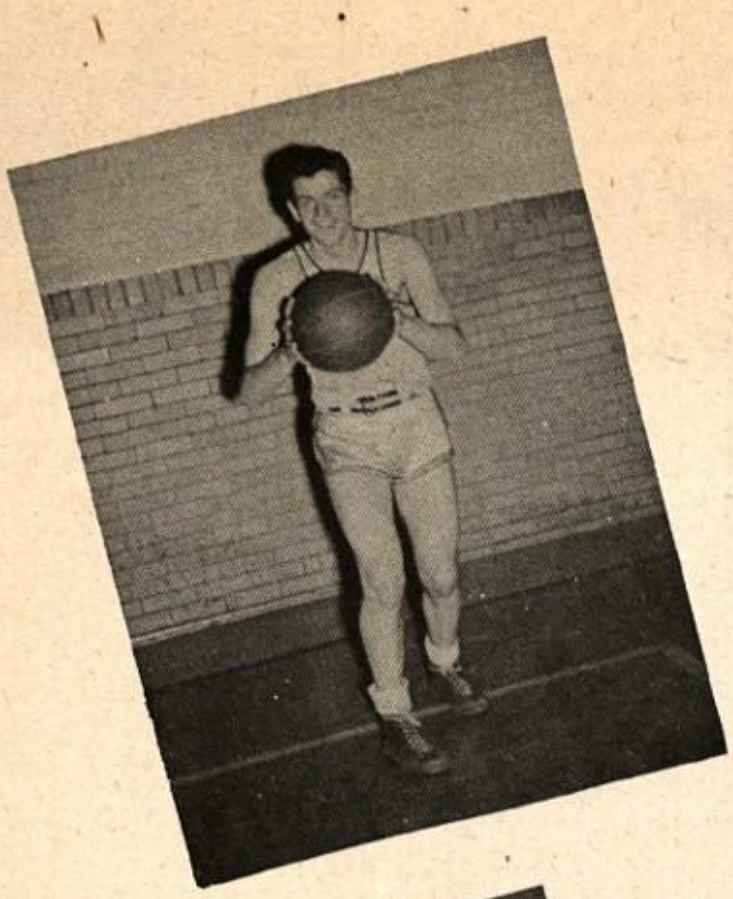


Managers
Walter Trowbridge,
William Graham,
James Berger.

2nd Row:
Harold Asire,
Richard Asire,
Jerry Haney,
Paul Womack

1st Row:
Russell Huss,
Larry Heckaman,
George Walsh.

Washington-Clay's Colonials opened their 1945-46 quest for hardwood honors with a hard fought 24-22 victory over New Carlisle's Carl Zahl & Co. on the latters floor. Defeats by Woodrow Wilson's Presidents, 42-41 and John Adams' Eagles 36-24 followed before the Colonials scored another win, this time at the expense of Madison's Panther 46-37 in a contest which saw fifty two fouls called by a whistle happy official and five Colonials in the showers via the foul route. Concord's Minutemen triumphed 45-36 the following weekend after Lakeville's Trojans had rolled over the Colonials in a last second finish 33-31. The Colonials traveled to Walkerton trimming the Indians 41-43 and followed it with a 41-37 victory over North Liberty's Shamrocks for victory number 4. New Carlisle's Tigers returned to the Clay hardwood for a return engagement and went home with a one point verdict 28-27 after Carl Zahl's free throw with ten seconds remaining. Washington of South Bend eliminated the Colonials 44-41 in a non-conference battle. After which, Roosevelt's Panthers capitalized on heighth and scored a 27-21 victory. Wakarusa scored a 37-35 victory followed by a record breaking 77-30 victory over Niles' Vikings. Two baskets in the closing minutes defeated Madison 34-31 after which, Woodrow Wilson outshot the Colonials to a 36-30 victory. After defeating North Liberty 41-32 the Colonials lost to Central Catholic's Indians 33-32. The season was climaxed by a victory over Lakeville's Trojans who possessed the county's roving trophy, which incidentally now rests at Washington-Clay.

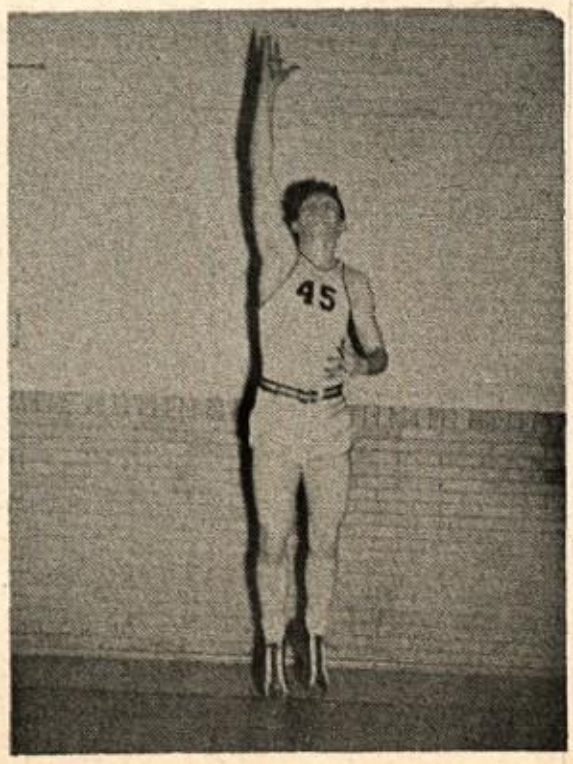


Harold Asire

George Walsh

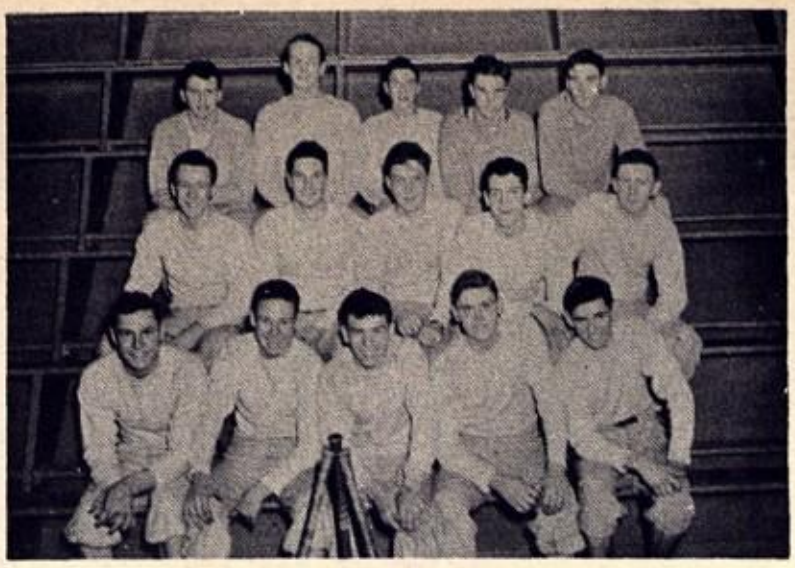
Jerry Haney

Paul Womack



Russell Huss

SOFTBALL



3rd Row: Russell Huss, Melvin Swift, Loran Miller, Bert Reader, Ralph Thompson.
2nd Row: Paul Womack, Richard Brown, Jack Harrison, Harold Asire, Larry Heckaman.
1st Row: Richard Asire, George Walsh, Kenneth Call, Kenneth Butterbaugh, Charles McNerney.

Richard Asire

Harold Asire, Paul Womack

Paul Womack

Washington-Clay resumed competition in conference circles this year after a three year absence from county diamonds. The season was successful, listing defeats from only Greene's Bulldogs and the Tigers of New Carlisle. Victories were gained through the cooperation of Madison's Panthers, North Liberty's Shamrocks, Woodrow Wilson's Presidents, Walkerton's Indians, and the Trojans of Lakeville. The Colonials were characterized by sharp fielding and sharper hitting, repeatedly breaking up games with a barrage of solid base hits. Retiring members of the team are seniors Dick Asire and Jack Harrison.

The Claymen opened the season with a 12-10 victory over Woodrow Wilson. All twelve runs were scored in the opening innings, the Presidents accumulating theirs the hard way. A four base hit by Asire with two on accounted for a 5-4 victory over Walkerton. Lakeville contributed next a 6-0 defeat but New Carlisle spoiled the picnic the following evening 3-2 in seven innings. It took extra innings before Madison capitulated 11-8 on the Madison field. Greene, capitalizing on walks, defeated the Colonials 10-6. The Colonials closed the season with North Liberty as the obliging victim 18-1.

The Colonials finished second in the conference, one game behind the leading New Carlisle Tigers. Finishing in third place were Madison's Panthers.

BASEBALL

5th Row: J. C. Corley, Melvin Kulwicki, Raymond Johnson, Eugene Lanthier, Francis Claeys, Thomas Haney.
4th Row: Rolland Hoffman, William Schlundt, Dwight Smith, Richard Nelson, Jack Blankenbaker, Donald Nufer, Donald Cornwell, John Thompson, Russell Hosler.
3rd Row: Thomas Frasier, Casimir Bernacki, Richard Asire, Paul Womack, Richard Ferm, Robert Struever, Clarence Hill.
2nd Row: Russell Huss, Loran Miller, Cecil Bennett, Larry Heckaman, Kenneth Butterbaugh, Jerry Green, Richard Schied, Arthur Reed.
1st Row: Charles McNerney, Kenneth Call.

Baseball is in its second year as an organized sport at Washington-Clay. Over thirty boys reported for preliminary practices, among them seven lettermen from the previous year's squad which won three and lost five. The season opened April 4 and continued through the latter part of May during which both conference and non-conference opponents were met. The schedule included contests with Woodrow Wilson, Buchanan, Central Catholic, Laporte, and Middlebury.

Baseball is in its infancy at Washington-Clay and therefore the teams should eventually leave their mark in both county and city competition in future years.

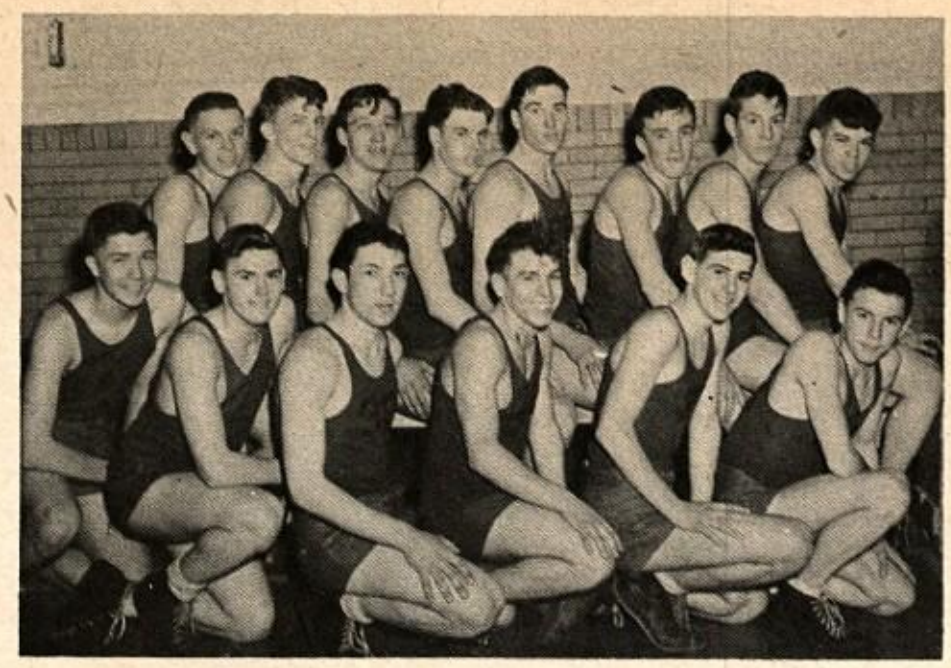
TRACK

4 th Row: Blake Hinton, Rolland Hoffman, Harold Asire, Ralph Fowler, Paul Womack, Jack Harrison, Richard Asire.
3rd Row: Bruce Searle, Dwight Smith, Robert Leeds, Ralph Thompson, Richard Miller, James Fox, Jerry Wilder, Jack Blankenbaker.
2nd Row: Donald Cornwell, Leon Vandygriff, Louis Lanthier, Wilton Besemer, Donald Nufer, Jack Rager, Richard Ault, Melvin Swift, James Brown.
1st Row: Casimir Bernacki, Kenneth Call, Richard Brown, Robert Struever, Glen Swift, Richard Ferm, William Schlundt, Robert Landick, Sam Mirkin.

Track has been an organized sport at Washington-Clay for over fifteen years. During this period consistently strong teams that ranked with the best have been produced. Colonial track teams have dominated the conference for the last five years capturing the track championship with clocklike regularity. Over twenty-five boys reported for practice at the opening of the season, ten of whom were monogram winners last year. The track season began April 18 continuing through May and including opponents such as Mishawaka, Central, Adams, Niles, Riley, and the eight conference opponents, Madison, Greene, New Carlisle, Woodrow Wilson, Walkerton, Lakeville, and North Liberty. Included in the schedule was a date at the sectional meet held in the latter part of May at School Field.

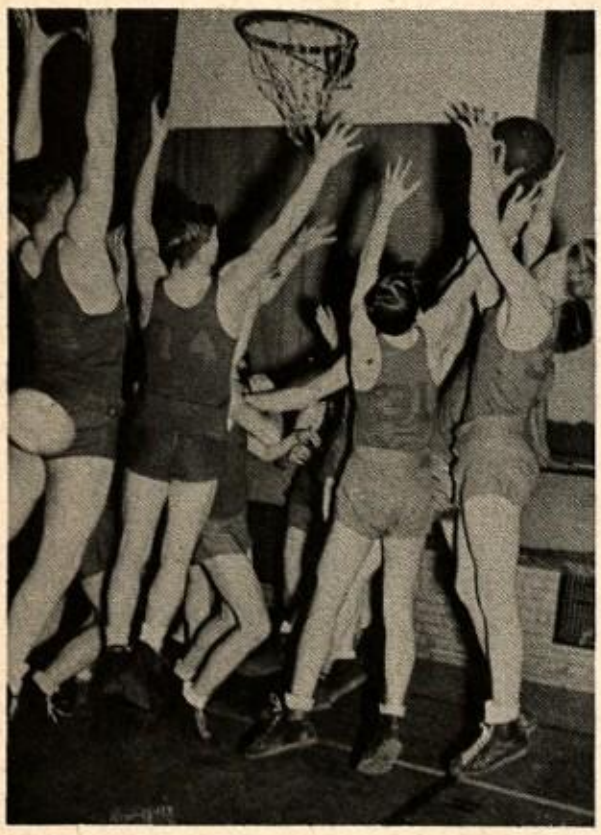
A well balanced squad will remain for next year's competition so Washington-Clay should be well represented in St. Joseph County track circles.

BEE BASKETBALL



2nd Row: Russell Hosler, Jerry Green, Cecil Bennett, Bert Reader, Ralph Thompson, Donald Cornwell, Harold Webber, J. C. Corley.
1st Row: William Schlundt, Kenneth Butterbaugh, Thomas Frasier, Kenneth Call, Charles McNerney, James Brown.

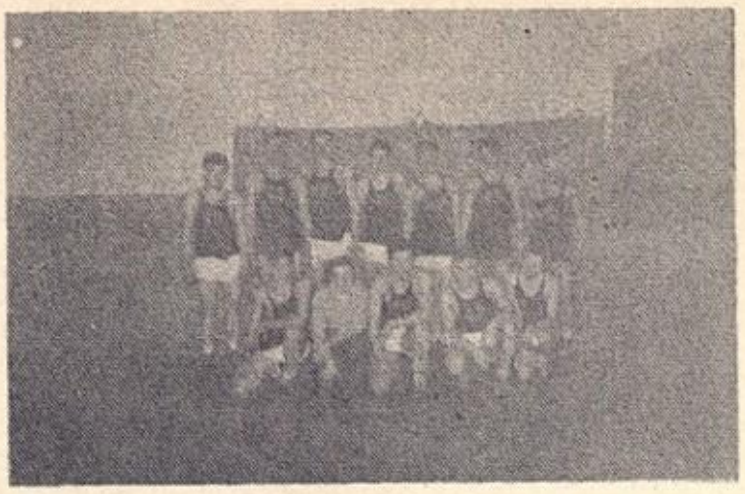
The Colonial Bee team, coached by Hubert Blair, had a successful season winning eleven contests while losing seven. The true strength of the team cannot be estimated by a mere won and lost record since four of the seven losses were by one point while all of the victories were by fairly substantial margins. Leading scorers for the Bee team were Kenny Call, who established a new record for Bee team play with 28 points in a single contest, and Don Cornwell. Other outstanding players were Bert Reader, J. C. Corley, Ralph Thompson, Richard Brown, Jim Brown, Tom Frasier, and Harold Webber. The complete seasons record was as follows:



Bee teamers practice the valuable art of rebounding

Washington-Clay	25	New Carlisle	26
Washington-Clay	20	Woodrow Wilson	19
Washington-Clay	12	John Adams	13
Washington-Clay	25	Madison	26
Washington-Clay	16	Concord	18
Washington-Clay	29	Lakeville	9
Washington-Clay	16	Walkerton	17
Washington-Clay	24	North Liberty	20
Washington-Clay	20	New Carlisle	17
Washington-Clay	24	Roosevelt	20
Washington-Clay	16	Washington	18
Washington-Clay	23	Wakarusa	22
Washington-Clay	47	Niles	17
Washington-Clay	18	Madison	16
Washington-Clay	38	Woodrow Wilson	14
Washington-Clay	47	North Liberty	20
Washington-Clay	29	Central Catholic	6
Washington-Clay	29	Lakeville	31

INTERCLASS



2nd Row: J. C. Corley, Ralph Thompson, Russell Hosler, Charles McNerney, Harold Webber, Bert Reader, Eugene Sowell.
1st Row: Donald Cornwall, Coach Edward Kubiak, Russell Huss, Kenneth Call, Thomas Haney.

Walsh of seniors shoots free throw as Nufer (11) and Besemer (24) look on.

Centers Haney and Thompson open second half hostilities.

The second interclass basketball tournament was held March 13 and 14 at Washington-Clay. The sophomores dominated play throughout defeating the seniors in the final game 48-42. The sophomores, utilizing the fast break, outscored the seniors in the opening half 35-20. They retained their lead until a torrid fourth quarter in which the senior offense showed its first signs of moving only to be halted by the final gun. The seniors were unable to halt the sophomore fast break which scored with regularity and undoubtedly brought about the victory.

In preliminary games the sophomores eliminated the freshmen 40-16 after a low scoring first half which saw the freshmen build up a 10-1 lead in the early minutes of the game only to falter and break as the game progressed. The seniors dominated play throughout the game against the juniors building up an early lead and maintaining it.

This is the second year that the tournament has been held at Washington-Clay. The sophomores led by high scoring forward, Harold Heeter, defeated the juniors last year after an overtime battle. In preliminary games the sophomores defeated the freshmen and the juniors defeated the seniors.

CHEER LEADERS

Mary Lou McCormick, Bernice McCormick

G. A. A.

4th Row: Mary Sossoman, Phyllis Galvas, Mary Rose Patitucci, Alwilda Morehouse, Hazel Myers, Patricia Shoup, June Lowe, Gerry Bombrys, Jo Anne Harrison, Marjorie Schrader, Phyllis Rinearson, Bea Marie Filar.

3rd Row: Evelyn Webber, Vida June Miller, Marianne Van Es, Marygrace Singer, Joyce Haskins, Nancy Barrett, Patricia May, Jennie Lee Romine, Dorothy Harris, Miss Mathews.

2nd Row: Mary Ann Lamson, Mary Lou Haskins, Janet Chapman, Nancy Harrison, Helen Sowers, Velma Fowler, Eunice Augh, Norma Hartung, Jeanette Harbaugh, Lois Schied.

1st Row: Norma Hills, Beatrice Robinson, Betty Branstetter, Janet Chapman, Mardella Tebo, Mary Reed, Theresa Jones, Mary Lou Bonebrake.

The Girl's Athletic Association experienced another successful year in 1946 under the excellent direction of Miss Mathews. Membership is open to all high school girls interested in the different phases of athletics.

Officers for the current year were: Mary Rose Patitucci, president; Helen Ann Barrett, vice-president; Norma Hartung, secretary-treasurer; and Velma Fowler manager of sports.

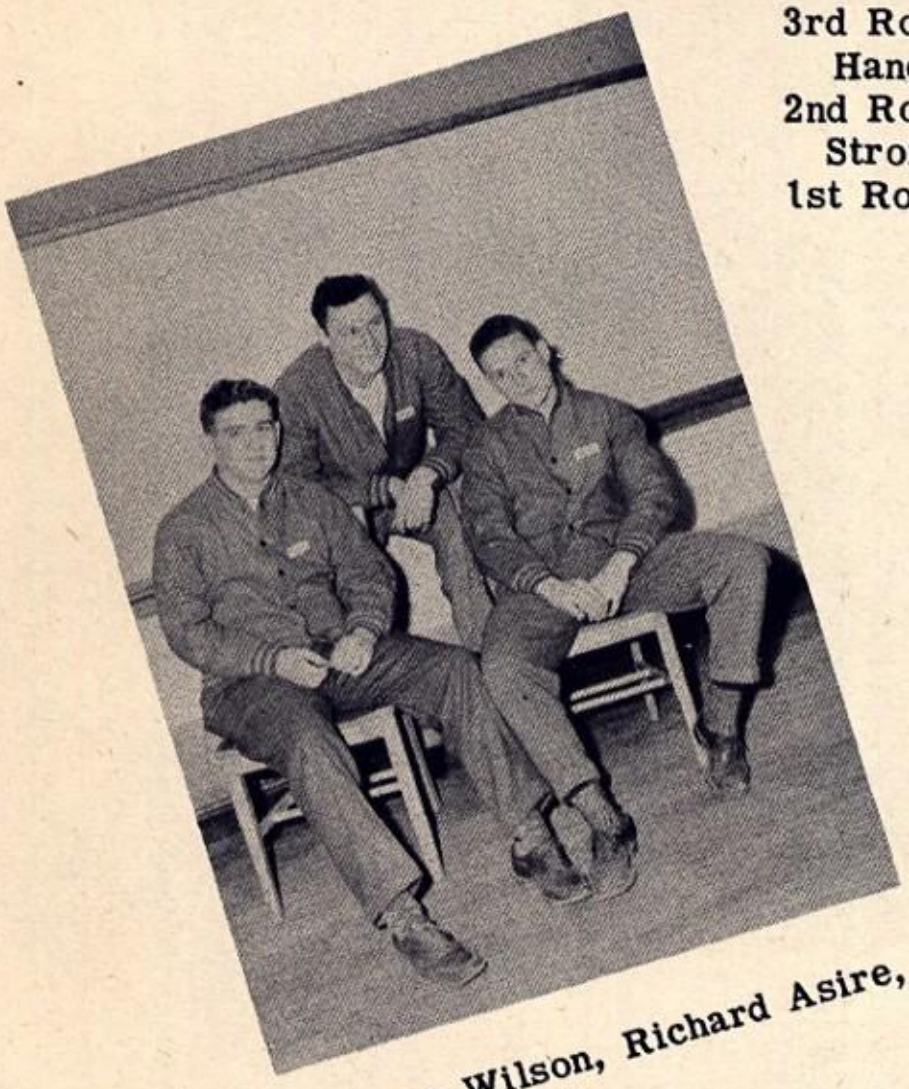
Different activities are participated in throughout the year according to a set schedule. They include baseball, basketball, volleyball, softball, and last but not least dancing. The G.A.A. participated in several Play Days with other county schools including Madison and New Carlisle.

The G.A.A. is looking forward to another successful year in 1947 and expects to increase its membership.

ACTIVITIES

MINUTE-MEN

3rd Row: James Cinninger, Harold Seggerman, Jerry Haney, Fay Dovenmuehle, Charles Helmen.
2nd Row: Robert Thomas, Mr. Hershel Eaton, Charles Strom, George Walsh.
1st Row: Eugene Wilson, Richard Asire.



Eugene Wilson, Richard Asire, George Walsh

The Minuteman Club of Washington-Clay was organized in 1942 chiefly to improve the athletic spirit at Washington-Clay.

The sponsor at the present time is Mr. Hershel Eaton. Officers are: Richard Asire, president; George Walsh, vice-president, and Eugene Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

Membership in the club is restricted to seniors, ten of whom are selected from applicant by retiring members of the club.

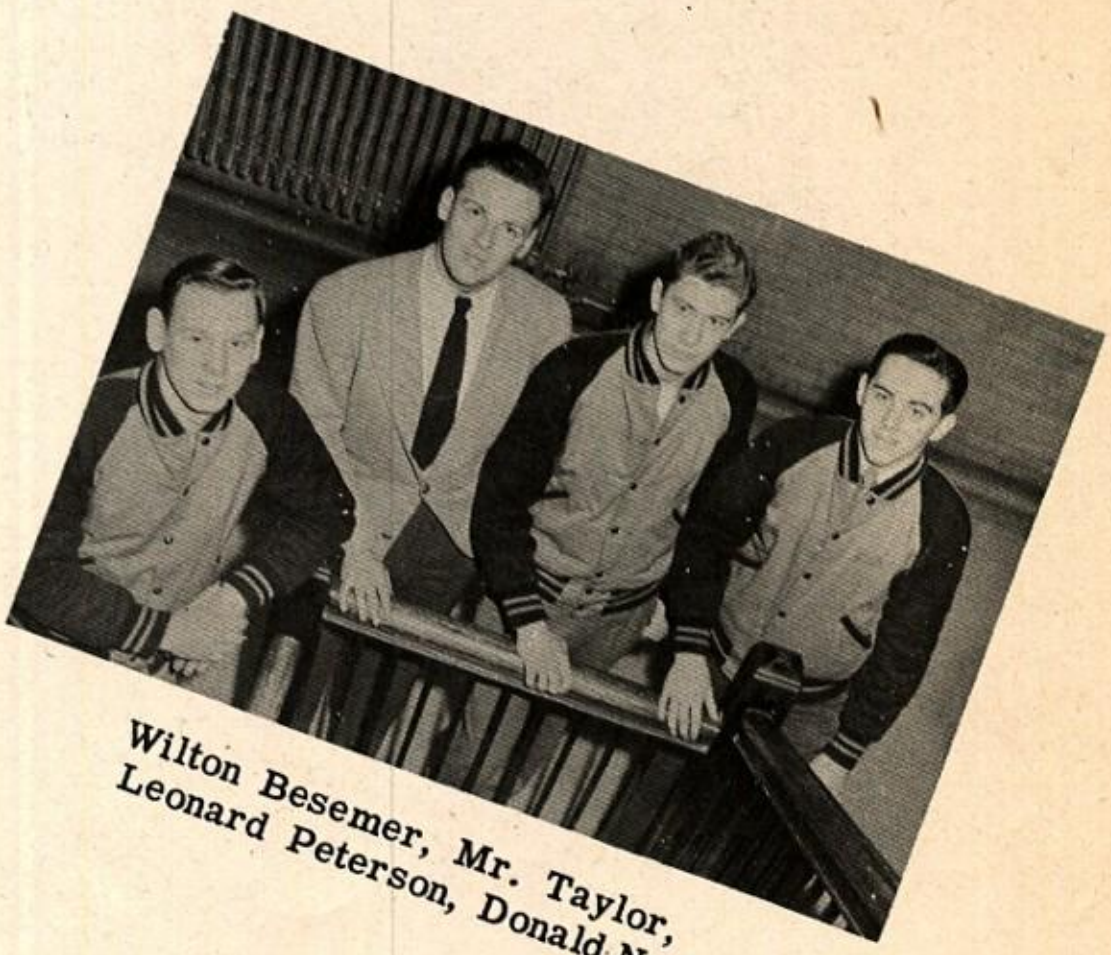
RASCALS

2nd Row: Donald Nufer, James Moore, Noel Wiggins, Russell Snyder, Robert Bauer, Howard Post, Leonard Peterson.
1st Row: Robert Von Bergen, Jack Rager, Wilton Besemer

The Rascals Club of Washington-Clay is the school's newest organization being founded in 1945 to support athletics at Washington-Clay.

The sponsor is Mr. Townsend Taylor. Officers are: Wilton Besemer, president; Donald Nufer, vice-president; and Leonard Peterson, secretary-treasurer.

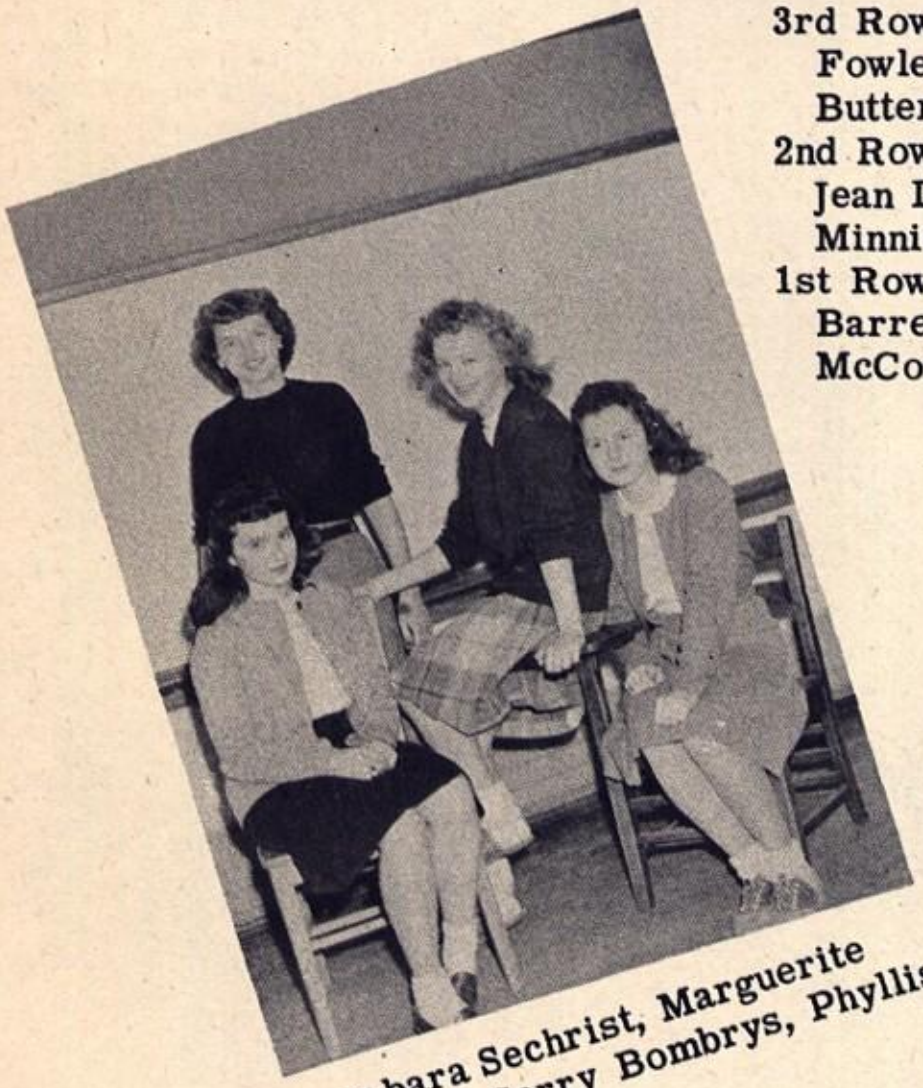
Membership in the club is restricted to seniors who are selected from applicants by the retiring members of the club.



Wilton Besemer, Mr. Taylor, Leonard Peterson, Donald Nufer

SUB DEB

3rd Row: Lorraine Kubiak, Jane Huddlestun, Velma Fowler, Bernic McCormick, Anne Green, Lois Butterbaugh, June Lowe, Norma Hartung.
2nd Row: Dona Holderman, Gerry Bombrys, Billie Jean Lowe, Patricia Blackburn, Alice Kresin, Mildred Minnis, Phyllis Rinearson.
1st Row: Doris Sowell, Phyllis Kubiak, Marguerite Barrett, Mrs. Barber, Helen Sowers, Mary Lou McCormick, Barbara Sechrist.



Barbara Sechrist, Marguerite Barrett, Gerry Bombrys, Phyllis Kubiak

The L. J. F. Sub Deb of Washington-Clay is part of a national organization devoted to the improvement of school conditions.

The sponsor at the present time is Mrs. Barber. Officers are: Barbara Sechrist, president; Gerry Bombrya, vice-president; Phyllis Kubiak, secretary; and Marguerite Barrett, treasurer.

Members of the Sub Deb are selected annually with twenty-five as the maximum club quota.

LASSIES

2 nd Row: Patricia Romine, Mildred Thompson, Betty Lindstaedt,Hazel Myers, Betty Stewart, Shirley MacCormick, Miss Dome.

1st Row: Elnora Izdepski, Irene Ewald, Bernedina Keultjes, Barbara Kirkwood.

Irene Ewald, Betty Stewart, Barbara Kirkwood, Bernedina Keultjes, Elnora Izdepski

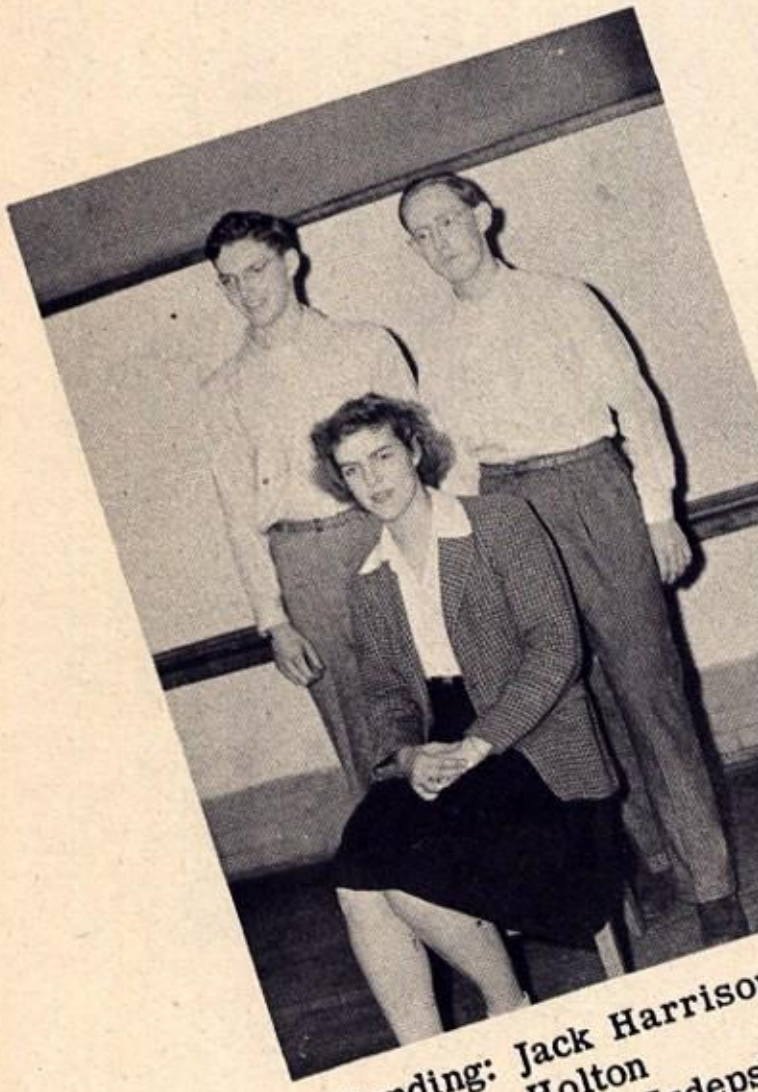
The Lassie Club of Washington-Clay was organized in 1944 for the purpose of improving school cleanliness.

The sponsor at the moment is Miss Julia Dome. Officers are: Bernedina Keultjes, president; Barbara Kirkwood, vice-president; Elnora Izdepski, secretary; and Irene Ewald, treasurer. Betty Stewart serves as scribe.

Membership in the club is restricted to seniors, twelve of whom are selected by the retiring members of the club.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

3rd Row: Mary Rose Patitucci, James Holton, Charles Helmen, Barbara Kirkwood.
2nd Row: Jack Harrison, Elizabeth Lehner, Philip Claxton, Elnora Izdepski, Mr. Milton Harke.
1st Row: Marian Sones, Mary Nemeth, Patricia Romine, Lucille Newman.



Standing: Jack Harrison, James Holton
Seated: Elnora Izdepski

Membership in the National Honor Society, a national honor organization, is based on an individuals scholarship, leadership, character, and service displayed in his high school life. An individual may be dropped from the soceity if any of these characteristics are lacking.

The sponsor at the present time is Mr. Milton Harke. Officers are: James Holton, president; Jack Harrison, vice-president; and Elnora Izdepski, secretary-treasurer.

Members are selected by a faculty board according to the above standards. Ten per cent of the junior class is eligible and fifteen per cent of the senior class is eligible.

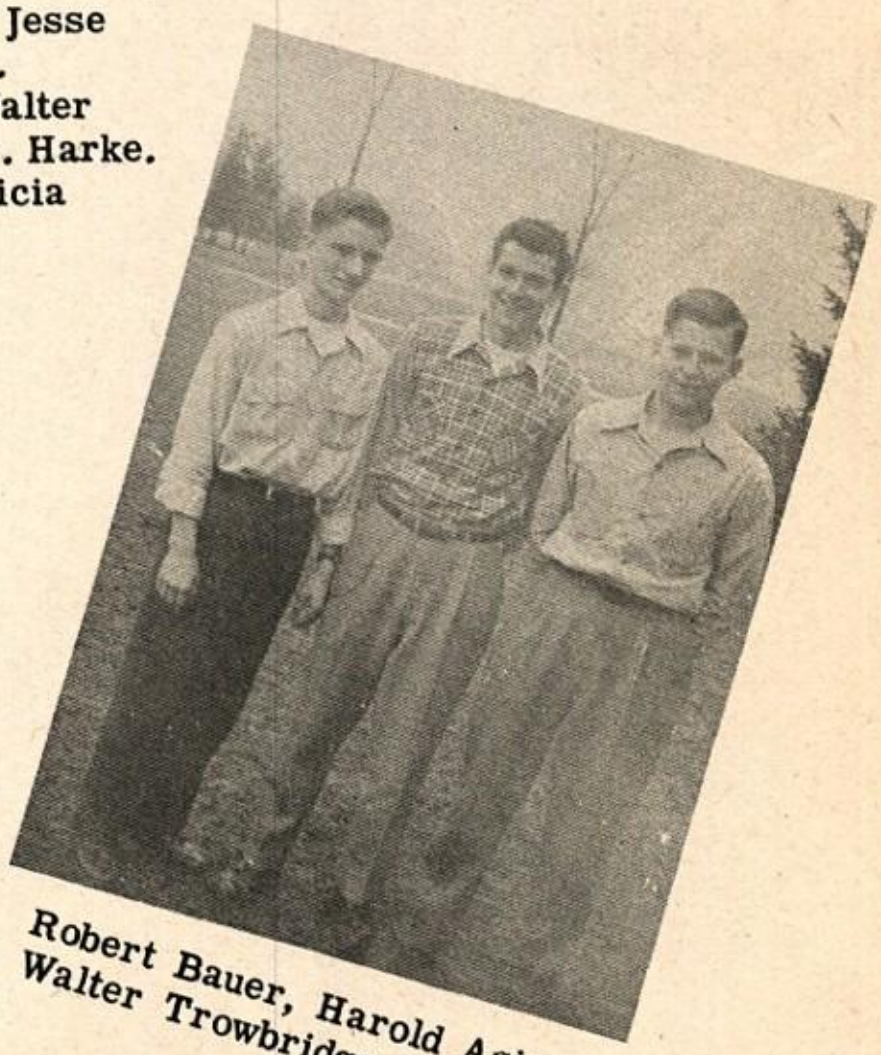
STUDENT COUNCIL

3 rd Row: Richard Wisner, Donald Ansbaugh, Jesse O'Donnell, Thomas Haney. Duane Clobridge.
2nd Row: Robert Bauer, William Patitucci, Walter Trowbridge, Harold Asire, Sam Mirkin, Mr. Harke.
1st Row: Leona Berends, Delores Snow, Patricia Romine, Delores Vexal, Lucille Handley.

The Student Council of Washington-Clay was organized to represent the student body in any matters which may arise.

The sponsor of the organization at the present time is Mr. Milton Harke. Officers are: Harold Asire, president; Walter Trowbridge, vice-president; and Robert Bauer, secretary-treasurer.

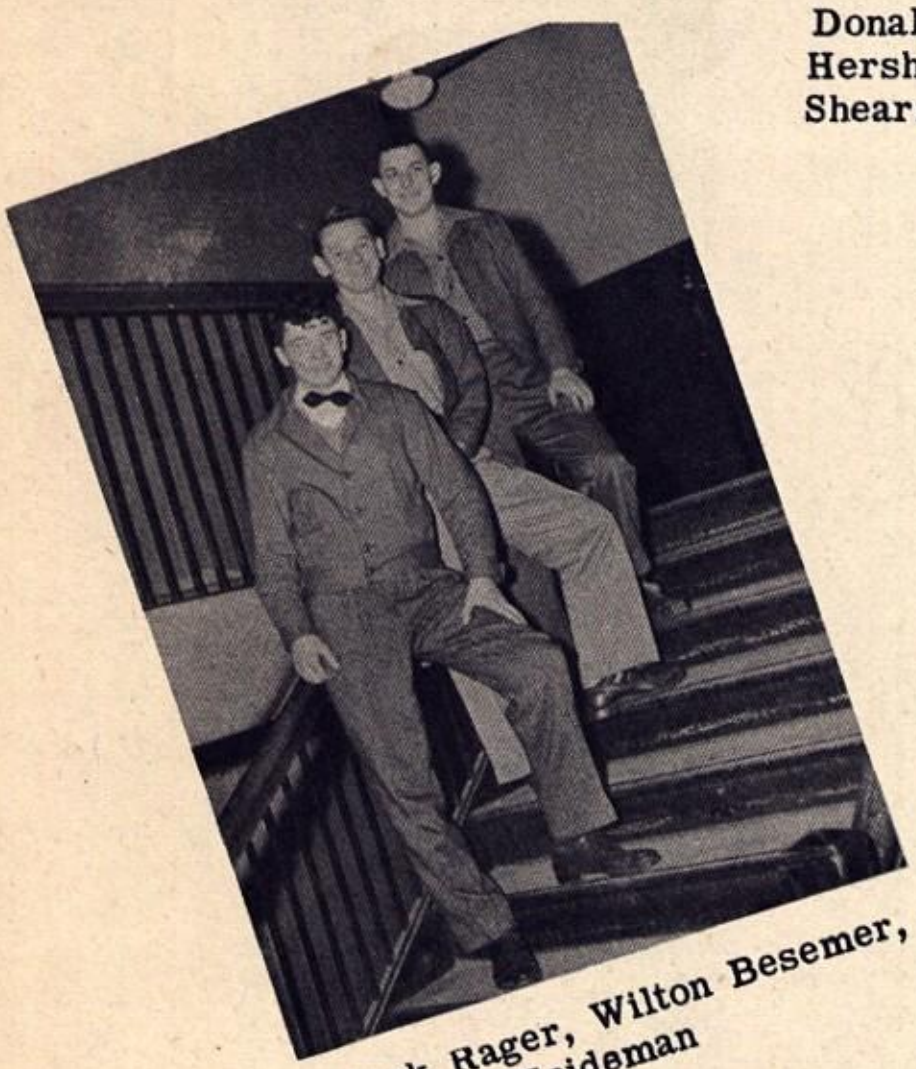
Representatives are chosen annually by the student body. One representative being allotted to each home room.



Robert Bauer, Harold Asire, Walter Trowbridge

USHERS

Donald Nufer, Wilton Besemer, Russell Snyder, Mr. Hershel Eaton, Gordon Heideman, Jack Rager, Bill Shearmen



Jack Rager, Wilton Besemer, Gordon Heideman

The Usher Club of Washington-Clay was organized in 1943 for the purpose of handling and seating those who attend basketball contests.

The sponsor at this time is Mr. Hershel Eaton. Officers are: Jack Rager, president; Gordon Heideman, vice-president; Wilton Besemer, secretary-treasurer.

Members are chosen annually from applicants.

BOOSTERS

The Booster Club of Washington-Clay was organized in 1944 for improving the support of athletics at Washington-Clay.

The sponsor at the present time is Mr. Hershel Eaton. Officers are: Charles Helmen, president; Joseph Welling, vice-president; Dona Holderman, secretary; Gerry Bombrys, treasurer.

Membership is open to all individuals in the high school who are willing to attend a certain number of games.

Standing: Charles Helmen, Joseph Welling
Seated: Dona Holderman, Gerry Bombrys

SHOP COUNCIL

3rd Row: George Walsh, Paul Womack, Larry Heckaman, Mr. Blair, Bert Reader, Ralph Thompson.
2nd Row: Richard Brown, Leonard Peterson, Kenneth Butterbaugh, Harold Webber, Kenneth Call, Russell Huss, Edward Finkenbinder.
1st Row: Melvin Swift, Robert Landick, Richard Ault, John Thompson, Walter Rose, Dwight Smith.

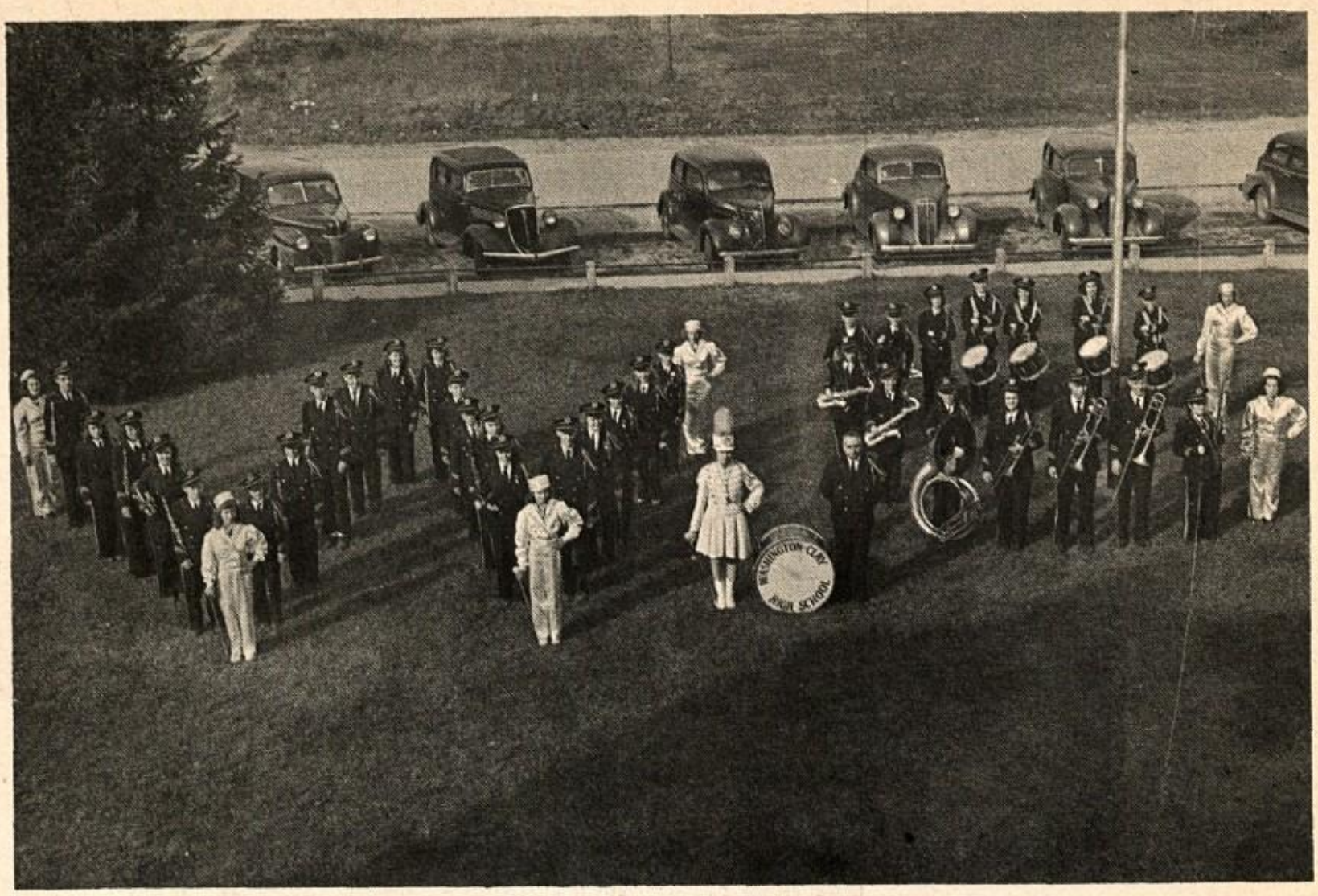
L-R Paul Womack, Russell Huss, George Walsh, Melvin Swift

The Shop Council of Washington-Clay was organized in 1943 for the purpose of bettering conditions in the shop. The members of the shop council are responsible for the formation of laws to govern the students while in the shop.

The sponsor at the present time is Mr. Hubert Blair. Officers are: Melvin Swift, president; Paul Womack, Vice-president; Russell Huss, secretary; and George Walsh, treasurer.

Representatives are selected annually from each class.

BAND



The department of music at Washington-Clay, under the direction of Mr. Clinton Loop offers to the individual not only the fundamentals of music but also the opportunity to exercise these fundamentals through membership in the school band.

The department also offers to the individual training in marching formations and participation in such formations at school events.

Individuals are given the opportunity to develop special talents which they may possess and to display them in district competition.

V. J. T. L.

The Voluntary Junior Tuberculosis League of Washington-Clay is a division of a national organization founded for the purpose of enrolling school support in the fight against tuberculosis.

The sponsor of this organization is Miss Matthews. Washington-Clay's representatives in the V. J. T. L. are Irene Ewald and Joseph Welling.

Miss Mathews, Joseph Welling, Irene Ewald

OUR TOWN

4 th Row: Richard Asire, Jack Harrison, Jerry Haney, Charles Solbrig.
3rd Row: George Walsh, Russell Snyder, Jack Rager.
2nd Row: Rosemary Robinson, Hazel Myers, Howard Post, Eugene Wilson, Wilton Besemer, Charles Strom, Mr. Roy Rogers.
1st Row: Esther Rupley, Elnora Izdepski, Betty Stewart, Patricia Romine.

The Marriage Scene

The cast faces west perhaps looking for greater glory

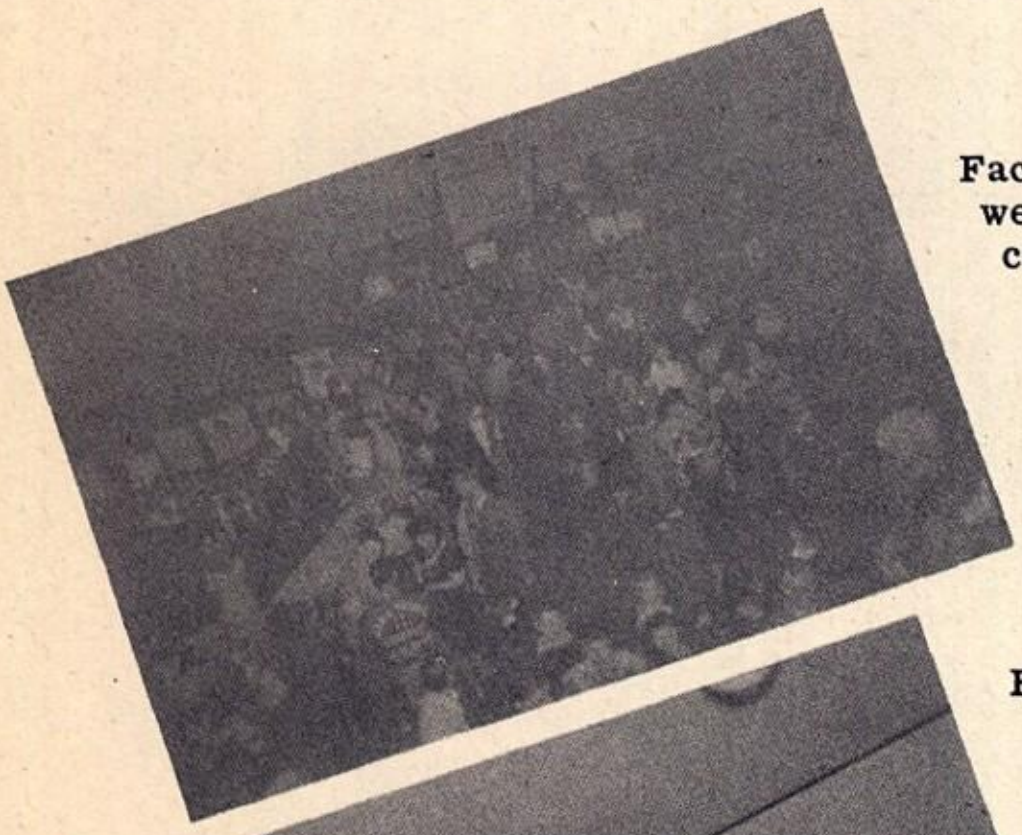
The senior class play "Our Town" was presented on the nights of May 15 and 16 at Washington-Clay. Taking leading parts in the play were Jack Rager, Hazel Myers and George Walsh. Howard Post added a note of humor with his excellent interpretation of Professor Willard, the statistic minded professor.

The play was written by Thornton Wilder and while playing on Broadway was acclaimed the most moving production ever to be staged. The play concerns itself with the lives of two families, the Webbs and the Gibbs who live in the town of Grovers Corners, New Hampshire. The play goes into their lives, their joys and sorrows, their successes and misfortunes. It follows George and Emily from childhood to marriage and is culminated by Emily's death.

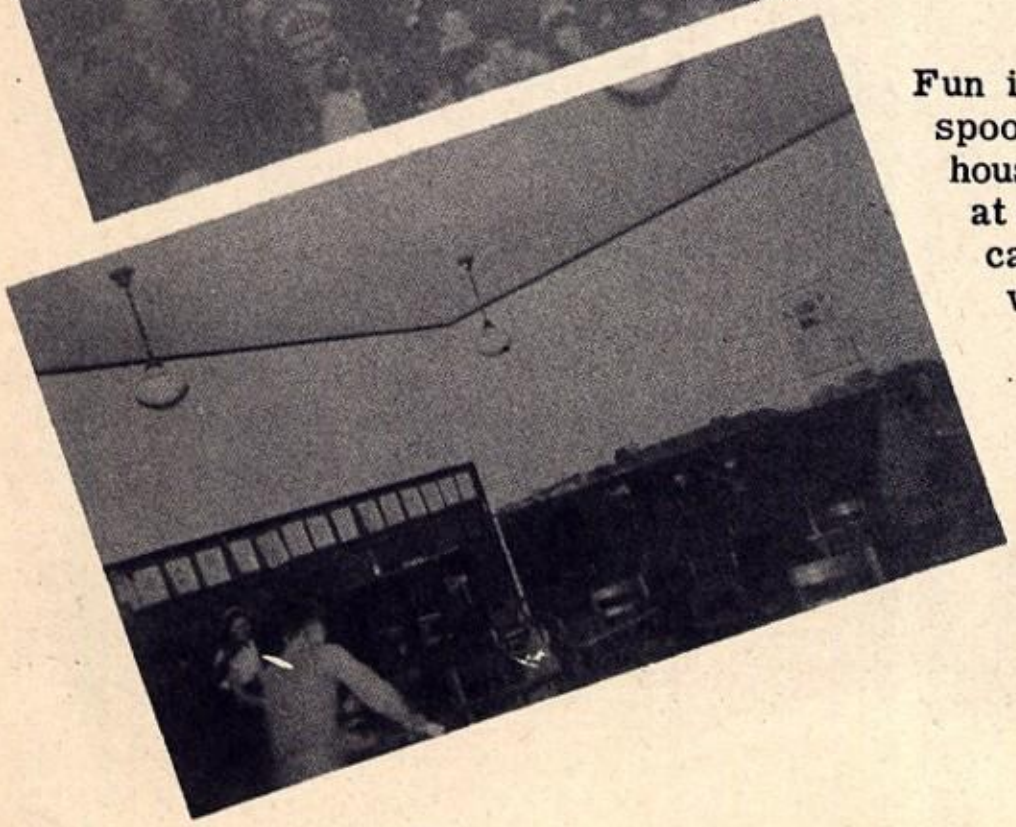
This play is undoubtedly one of the finest ever to be presented at Washington-Clay. Much credit belongs to Mr. Roy Rogers who directed it. Credits are also due to the various committees headed by James Holton without which the play could not have been staged.

DOWN THE MIDWAY

The Minuteman photographer evidently forgot Queen Nancy Gollnick but included King Dale Stout and King Dale Walsh and Queen Nancy Harrison.



Facing north west at the carnival



Fun in the spook house at the carnival

The Carnival sponsored by the P.T.A. and the Senior Class was held at Washington-Clay, Friday, March 1. General chairman of the carnival was Mrs. Mary Zeiger. Committees were headed by Mr. Milton Harke, Mrs. Dovenmuehle, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Finkenbinder, Mrs. Lamson, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Rogers, Charles Helmen, and Phyllis Galvas.

The crowning of the kings and queens took place at the carnival. A contest was held in the senior and junior highs to select respective kings and queens. Chosen for the junior high were sixth graders Nancy Gollnick and Dale Stout. Those selected for the high school were freshmen Robert Walsh and Nancy Harrison. Other representatives were: Leona Berends and Rondel Mead, seventh grade; Bonnie Nufer and Jerry Burke, eighth grade; Teressa Lucas and Bert Reader, sophomores; Helen Sowers and Larry Heckaman, juniors; and

AT THE CARNIVAL

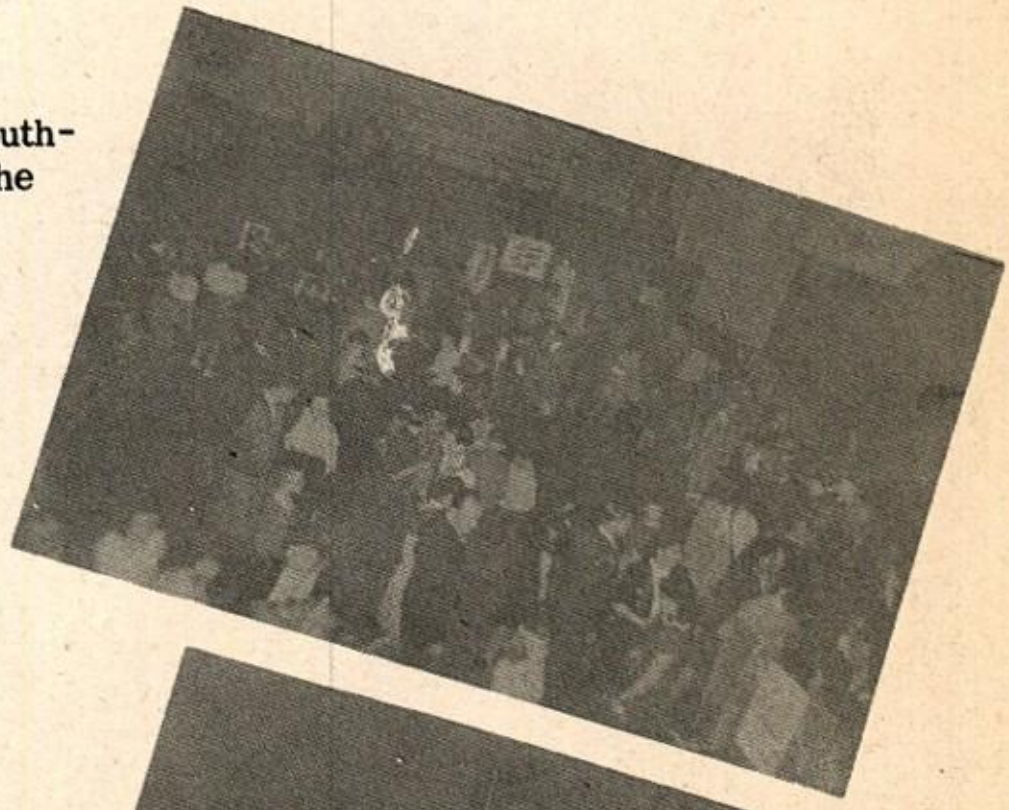
Mrs. Zeiger, General Chairman of the Carnival

Barbara Sechrist and Dick Asire, seniors.

Entertainment at the carnival was varied and interesting. Included were booths for bingo hounds, those desiring an insight into the future, dart throwers, baseball hurlers...three balls for a dime...fishermen, movie fiends, and for those who like to eat, the refreshment counter. All, to say the least, were crowded with those who came early and stayed late.

The coronation took place at 9 o'clock and went off smoothly under the direction of Mrs. Pearson. The awards were made by Mr. Pat Pensinger, trustee.

Credits are due to Mr. Harke who supervised the distribution of tickets, to Mrs. Pearson, who directed the coronation, to Mrs. Dovenmuehle and other members of the P. T. A.



Facing southeast at the carnival

Facing northeast at the carnival

THE COLONIAL

3rd Row: Mildred Thompson, Edwin Bates, Faye Dovenmuehle, James Holton, Alwilda Morehouse, Shirley MacCormick, Irene Ewald.
2nd Row: Mr. Roy Rogers, Elnora Izdepski, Jerry Haney, Harold Seggerman, Robert Thomas, Betty Stewart, Betty Beyerle.
1st Row: Betty Lindstaedt, Phyllis Galvas, Betty Lou Brown, Patricia Romine, Barbara Kirkwood, Mary Rose Patitucci, Esther Rupley.

The "Colonial," Washington-Clay's counterpart of the nations great newspapers, made its fifteen semi-weekly appearances as per schedule in 1945 and 46, the tenth year of its publication. Edited by Edwin L. Bates, the "Colonial," came out with both interesting and accurate articles, promoted school projects, and served as an outlet for student opinion.

Patricia Romine, Business Manager, and Edwin Bates, Editor-in-Chief

The "Colonial" featured columns dealing with everything from the proverbial cabbages to kings. In the student opinion department, "What's Your Opinion" written by genial inquisitive Betty Lindstaedt, quizzed students on current questions of school and national importance. "Nibbles by 'Nora' produced by Elnora Izdepski featured topics from the county tournament to life in Wisconsin or whatever appealed to the columnist at the particular moment. Managing the paper's most popular column or the keyhole department was Mildred Minnis who specialized in putting into print the things that you thought were secret. Handling the higher things of life, the society column, was Betty Stewart. "Service News" featuring the addresses and news of service-

men and women was ably handled by Barbara Kirkwood Heading the school news staff was Betty Beyerle. Sports Editor Jim Holton ably conducted the sports department which featured feature stories and intramural news plus the regular stories. Jim also wrote "The Benchwarmer" which featuered sports items of players and events. Wilton Besemer completed the sports department writing intramural events.

Behind the scenes director of financial affairs was Patricia Romine, business manager of the "Colonial." Jerry Haney, Esther Rupley, and Shirley MacCormick completed the Circulation Department, responsible for distributing approximately five hundred copies of the "Colonial" bi-weekly. In the Advertising Department were Joe Welling, Robert Bash, Betty Stewart, and Dona Holderman. Typists were Betty Beyerle, Irene Ewald, Phyllis Galvas, Mildred Thompson, and Alwilda Morehouse. The sponsor was Mr. Roy Rogers.

Standing: Wilton Besemer, Mr. Rogers, James Holton
Seated: Mildred Minnis, Elnora Izdepski, Betty Stewart

THE MINUTEMAN

3rd Row: Clarence Hill, Richard Asire, George Walsh, Noel Wiggins, Faye Dovenmuehle, Jack Rager, Charles Strom, James Holton.
2nd Row: Charles Helmen, Eugene Wilson, Barbara Sechrist, Betty Beyerle, Irene Ewald, Robert Thomas, Harold Seggerman, Mr. William Holton.
1st Row: Elnora Izdepski, Hazel Myers, Barbara Kirkwood, Bernadina Keultjes, Patricia Romine, Esther Rupley, Betty Stewart, Anna Smith, Phyllis Galvas.

The staff of the 1946 Minuteman has ceased to function now, the fruit of a year's labors rests in your hands. Deadlines have been met, the photographer is resting quietly, and the sounds of groans from the staff have passed into muffled sighs. This, the 1946 edition of the Minuteman, was edited by Elnora Izdepski and James Holton, managed by Patricia Romine, and printed by the University Lithoprinters of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Co-editors Elnora Izdepski and James Holton

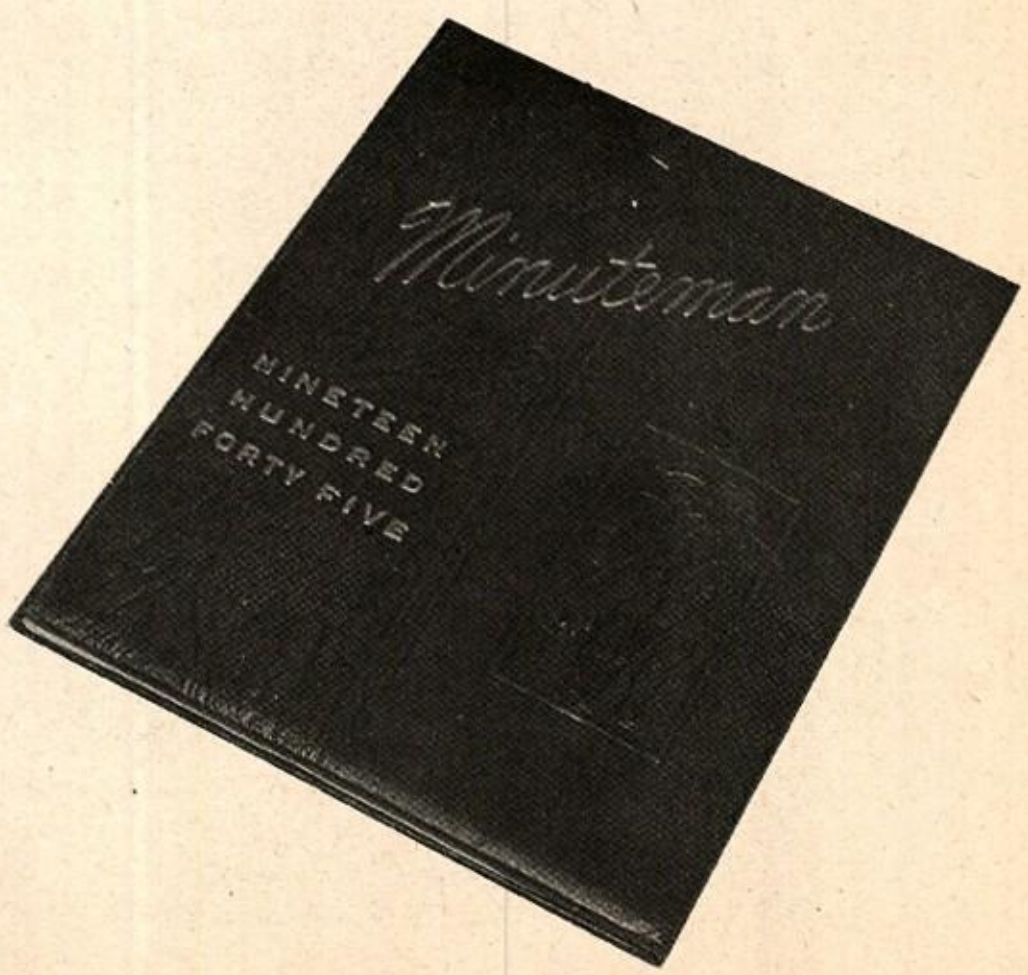
The complete staff included: Esther Rupley, Bernadina Kueltjes, and Barbara Kirkwood, circulation; Harold Seggerman, Robert Thomas, and Faye Dovenmuehle; advertising; Jack Rager and Noel Wiggins, humor; Eugene Wilson and Charles Strom, features; Barbara Sechrist and Anna Smith, art; Charles Helmen and Betty Stewart, photography; Dick Asire, George Walsh, and Hazel Myers, athletics; Betty Beyerle, Irene Ewald, and Phyllis Galvas, typists. Mr. Francis Ernst served as sponsor and director.

This annual includes several new features seldom found in high school annuals. One of them is the last section in the book which we called The Year. It combines the calendar with photographs and is the child of humor editors Jack Rager and Noel Wiggins. It is designed primarily as a photographic review of the year at Washington-Clay. Another innovation was the addition of a pictoral section of Washington-Clay as a school, of its buildings and its classes. Included in this annual were pictures of all club officers and clubs. The athletic section was broadened to include a short summary of the seasons athletics, individual pictures of the players, and statistics.

You may notice the abundance of pictures in this annual and the lack of written material. In the belief that an annual should be primarily pictures and that written material was supplementary we had this book printed by a new process, that of lithoprinting. This method encourages the use of pictures without the added expense of individual cuts.

This book has undoubtedly seen much of the United States before arriving at Washington-Clay. Its trim cover

2nd Row: James Holton, Elnora Izdepski, Betty Stewart
1st Row: Charles Helmen, Esther Rupley, Barbara Kirkwood, Bernedina Keutljes



was supplied by the Universal Bookbindery of San Antonio, Texas. It was printed in Ypsilanti, Michigan. It was bound in Illinois and now rests in Indiana.

Before closing we would like to award some well deserved credits to Mr. Francis Ernst, sponsor of this annual, to Robertson's for photographs in our class and senior sections, and to the Universal Studio for photographs of clubs and club officers.

An interlude at a staff meeting
3rd Row: Irene Ewald, Phyllis Galvas, Noel Wiggins, Jack Rager, Eugene Wilson, Charles Helmen.
2nd Row: Charles Strom, Clarence Hill, Esther Rupley, Barbara Sechrist, Shirley MacCormick, Hazel Myers.
1st Row: Betty Beyerle, Elnora Izdepski, Bernadina Keultjes, Betty Stewart, Patricia Romine

THE YEAR

THE YEAR

The following section was dreamed up by editors Noel Wiggins and Jack Rager and therefore we are not responsible for any libelous statements which may have been made. If you are injured either mentally or physically by anything appearing in this section, you may rest assured that you have our hearty sympathy.

Any statements in the following section which appear sane are purely coincidental. Any relation to this and good literature is purely accidental. Any individual who reads this should have his head examined.

September 5 The Class of '46 enters W-C for the final year.

September 7 The financial backers of the bookstore get a dividend as students rush to get ye old books for another hard year of study.

September 10 Class officers are selected: for the seniors, Eugene Wilson, Charles Helmen, George Walsh, Phyllis Galvas, and Richard Asire; for the juniors, Alice Kresin, Jerry Green, Phyllis Kubiak, Richard Brown; for the sophomores, Frank Claeys, Jane Huddlestun, Eunice Augh, and J. C. Corley; for the freshmen, Janet Chapman, Jerry Wilder, Dwight Smith, and James Brown.

September 12 Washington-Clay's best looking and most intelligent group, the Minute Men met and organized. What they organized has never been revealed.

September 17 First Assembly. Principal Kelsay tells us what all good citizens do.

September 18 Washington-Clay 12
Woodrow Wilscn 10
The softball season opens amidst huzzahs and sounds of "Throw the bum out!"

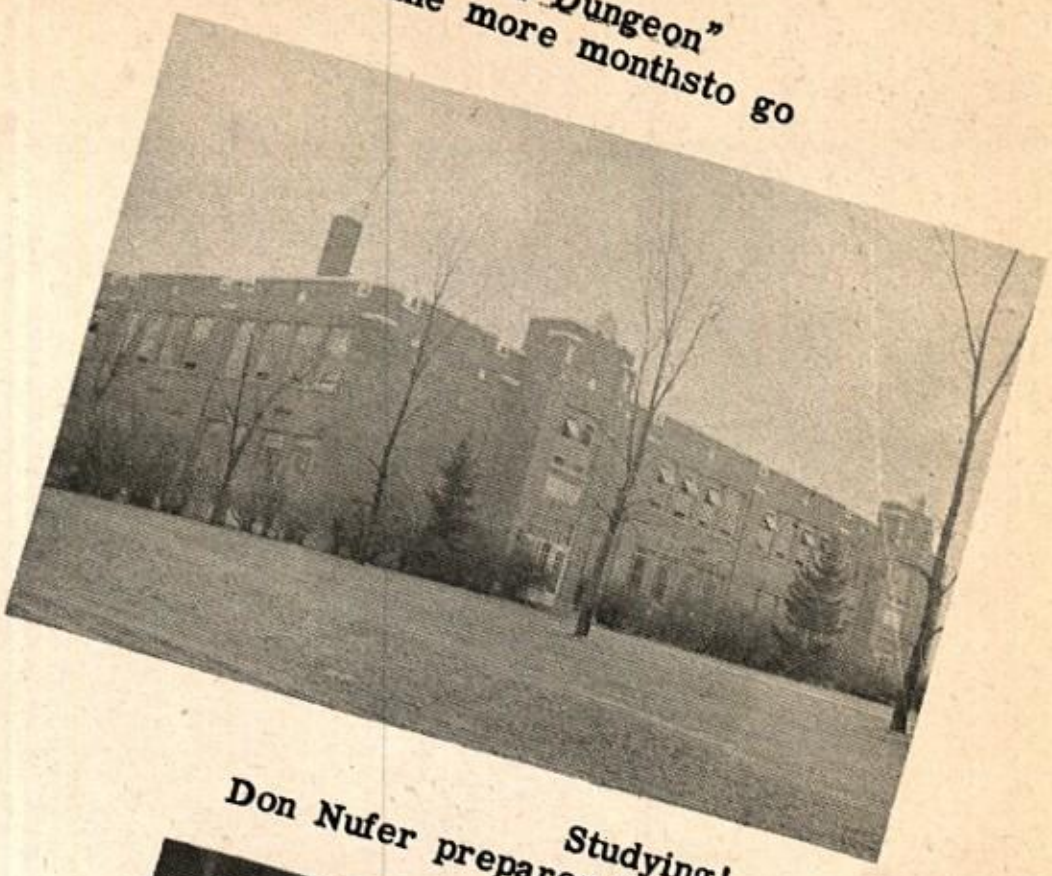
September 21 The Minute Men sponsor a hayride. Hubba Hubba.

Washington-Clay 5
Walkerton 4. Dick Asire cleans the bases in the last inning.

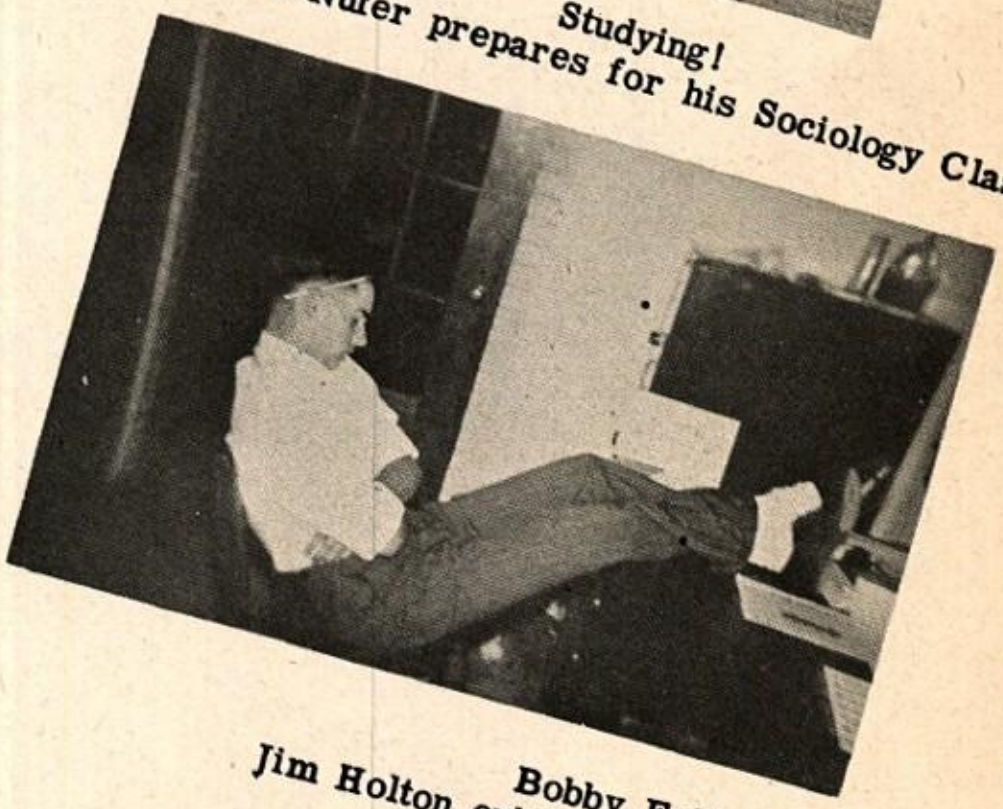
September 25 Washington-Clay 6
Lakeville 0

S eptember 28 Washington-Clay's counterpart of the world's great newspapers, The Colonial, makes its first appearance of the year on the nations newstands.

"The Dungeon"
Nine more monthsto go

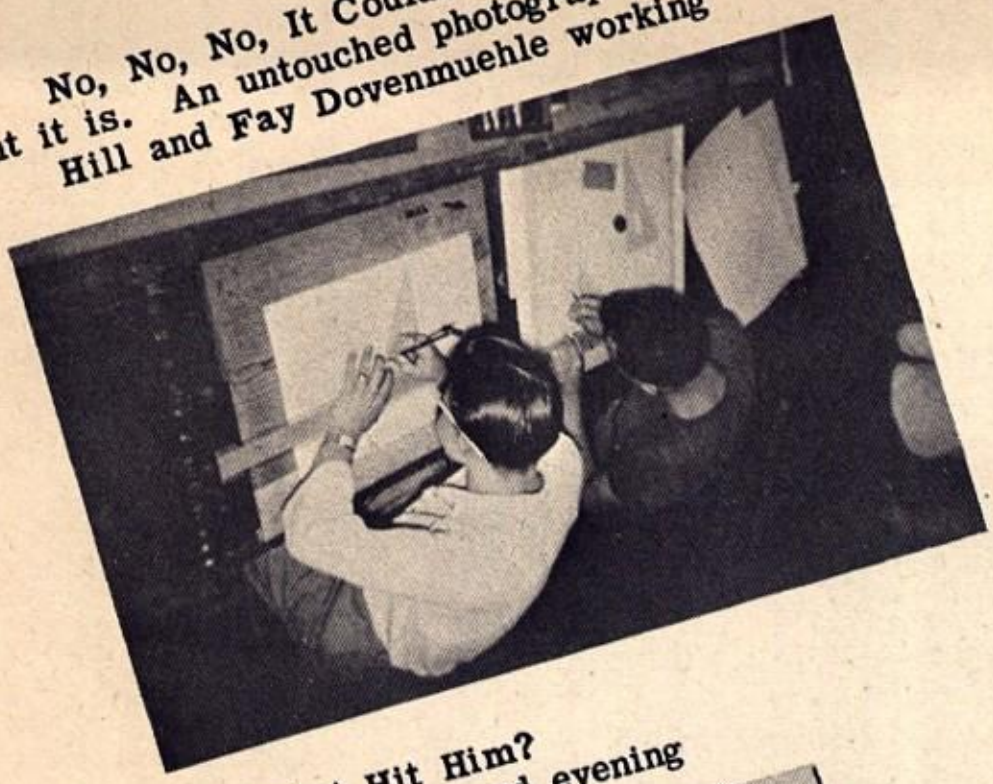


Studying!
Don Nufer prepares for his Sociology Class

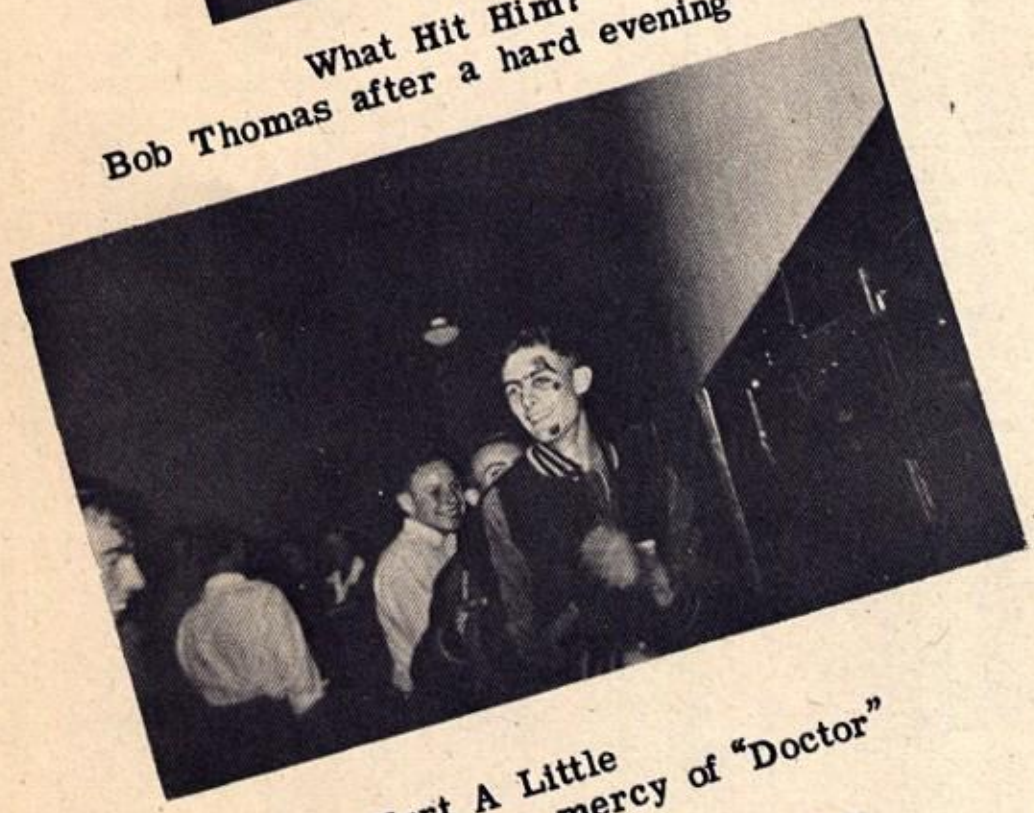


Bobby Feller, Jr.
Jim Holton exhibits perfect form for Ball One!

No, No, No, It Couldn't Be True
But it is. An untouched photograph of Clarence Hill and Fay Dovenmuehle working



What Hit Him?
Bob Thomas after a hard evening



Now This May Hurt A Little
Dick Schied puts himself at the mercy of "Doctor" Rager

September	28	Future Veloz and Yolandas limber up at the 6th Annual Sweater Hop presented by the seniors
		New Carlisle 3 Washington-Clay 2
October	2	Sub Deb organizes for another active year. Officers: Barbara Sechrist, Gerry Bombrys, Phyllis Kubiak, and Marguerite Barrett
		Washington-Clay 11 Madison 8. It took extra innings but they dood it.
October	4	All is lost. The softball team loses to Greene, 10-6
October	5	Future basketball stars prepare for 1945 campaign as Coach Hershel Eaton issues the call. First five, here I come.
October	10	The staff of the 1946 Minuteman is announced. James Holton and Elnora Izdepski named co-editors.
October	12	The Sub Deb sponsors a hayride. No comment.
October	16	Washington-Clay's student government, the Student Council, reveals great plans for the coming year. That's a joke, son.
October	17	1945-46 basketball schedule announced. Place your bets here.

October 20 — Autumn Serenade presented by the juniors. Doris Sowell, chairman. Music by Tom Halloran and his Happy Hooligans.

October 23 — National Honor Society meets to discuss the theory of relativity, also to elect James Holton, Jack Harrison, and Elnora Izdepski as officers.

October 25 — Students take a rest while teachers attend school.

October 31 — Hallowe'en. The boys and girls from W-C stay home and play pinochle like all good children should.

November 2 — Washington-Clay opens its basketball season with a 24-22 victory over New Carlisle's Zahl and Co.

November 8 — The freshmen have a class party. Ruff

November 9 — Woodrow Wilson 42 Washington-Clay 41. Said Clayites, "We've seen that score before." The 1944 score: Woodrow Wilson 42 Washington-Clay 41.

November 11 — Armistice Day "that these honored dead shall not have died in vain"

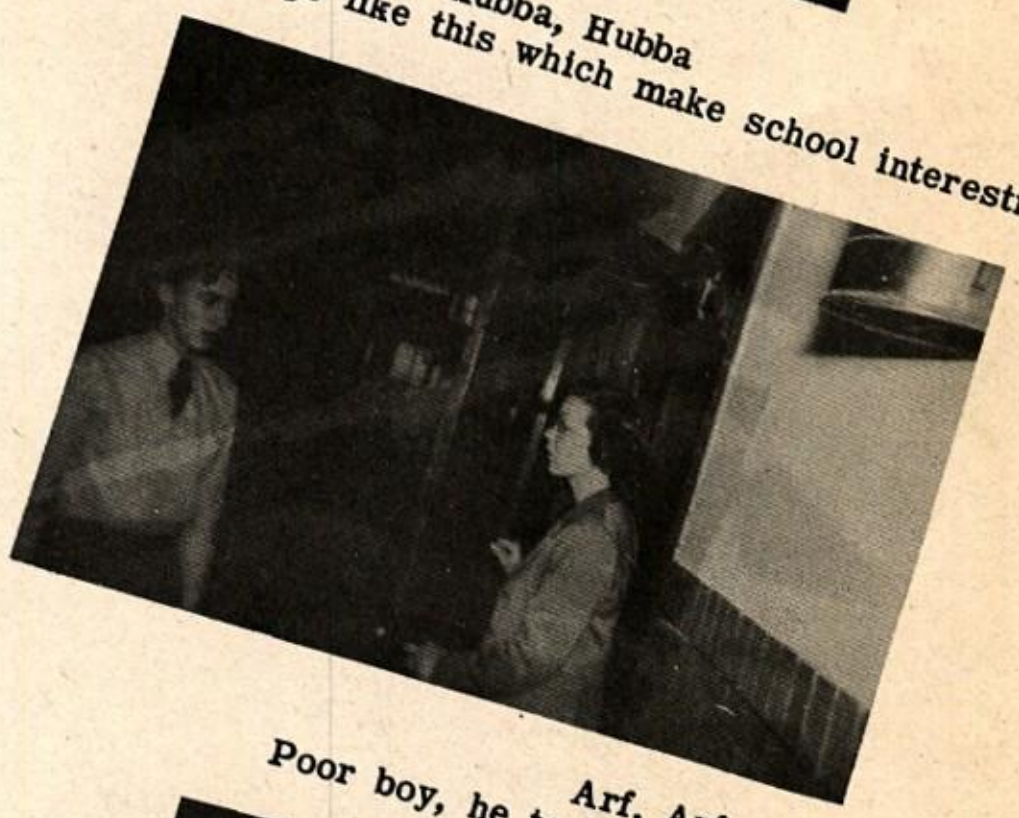
November 12 — Robert Hunt, a discharged serviceman, spoke on his experiences at an assembly.

November 16 — John Adams 36 Wasnington-Clay 24

November 19 — Seniors capture intramural volleyball championship.

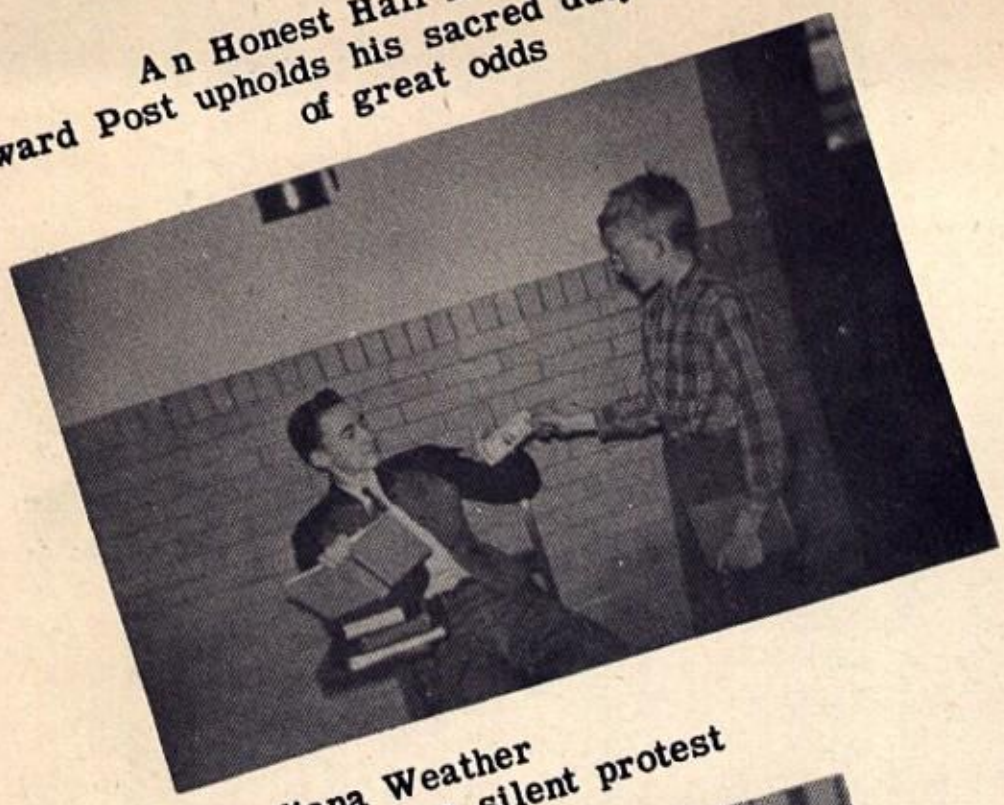
In Again, Out Again
Russell Snyder in his favorite spot

Its things like this which make school interesting
Hubba, Hubba



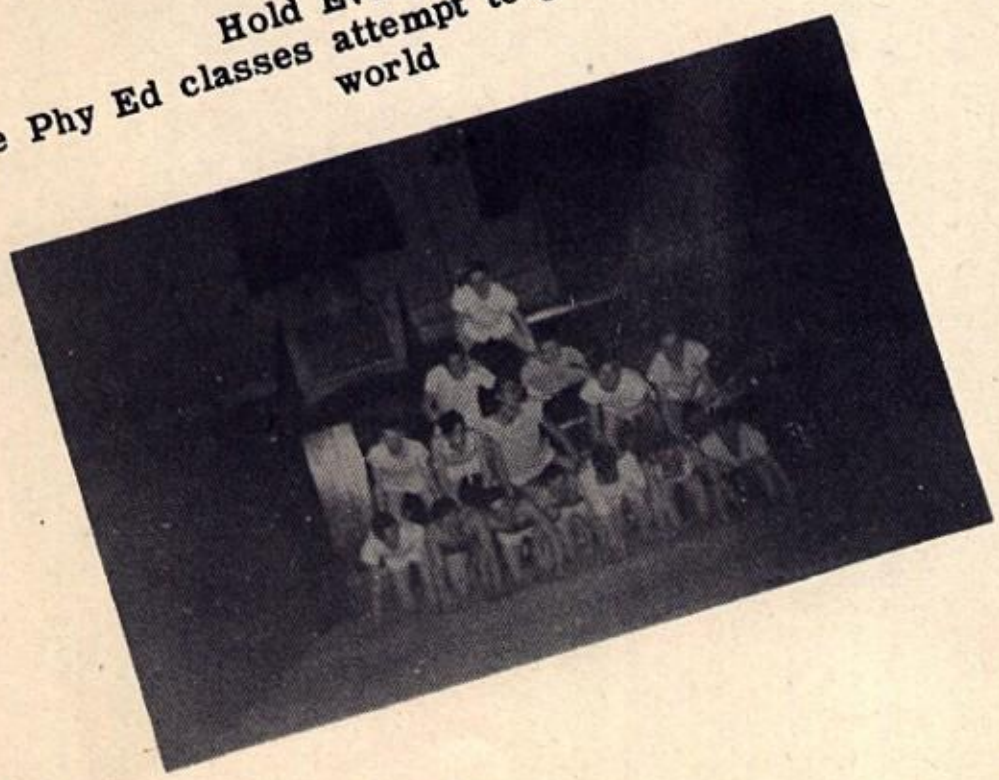
Poor boy, he took his studies seriously
Arf, Arf, Arf

An Honest Hall Monitor!
Howard Post upholds his sacred duty in the face of great odds



Indiana Weather
Pinky Gardner registers silent protest

Hold Everyting!
The Phy Ed classes attempt to get up in the world



November 21	Thanksgiving assembly held. Michael Kline, former editor and serviceman, spoke.
November 22	Thanksgiving Day. What, only two drumsticks.
November 24	Oh, my stomach
November 26	Back to school. Question of the week, "How much turkey did you eat?"
November 30	Washington Clay 36 Concord 45. It was a nice trip.
December 4	Lakeville 33 Washington-Clay 31. At least it was close.
December 7	Washington-Clay 41 Walkerton 34. Colonials take roving trophy and victory back to Washington-Clay.
December 10	First snow of the year. One White Christmas coming up for all Sinatra lovers
December 12	Preliminary plans are made for the carnival to be presented March 1.
December 14	The seniors have a class party. Seven come eleven as the gambling minded clean up.
December 15	Washington-Clay 41 North Liberty 37

December 21 Donkey Basketball Game. The seniors and faculty mount and head for the tall timbers. The seniors win after a hard game 22-18.

December 22 Participants in battle of night before spend the day on their feet. They've taken it pretty hard.

December 25 Santa Claus visits all the good people including some seniors.

December 26 Exchange Day. South Bend stores are crowded as people change this for that and that for this. Did anybody get what they wanted.

December 31 New Years Eve. Pass me the bottle...of ginger ale, naturally

January 1 Should auld acquaintance be forgot

January 2 Pass the icebag and bicarbonate

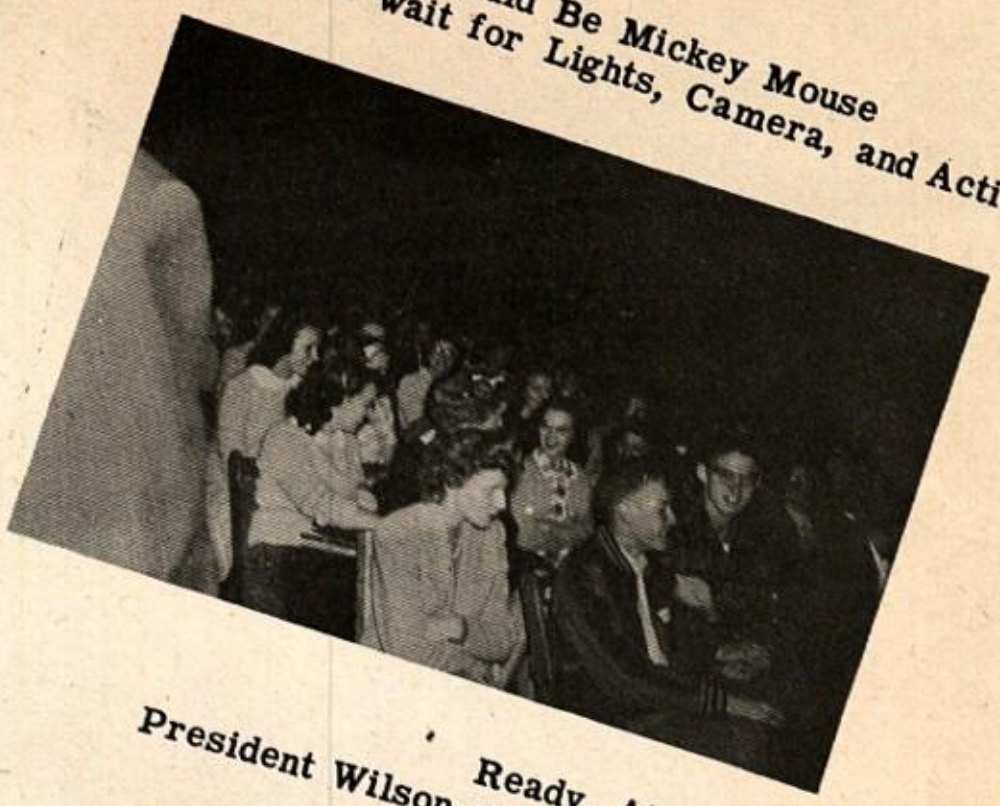
January 3 Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors fully recovered from the 1st of January.

January 4 Seniors recovered from 1st of January

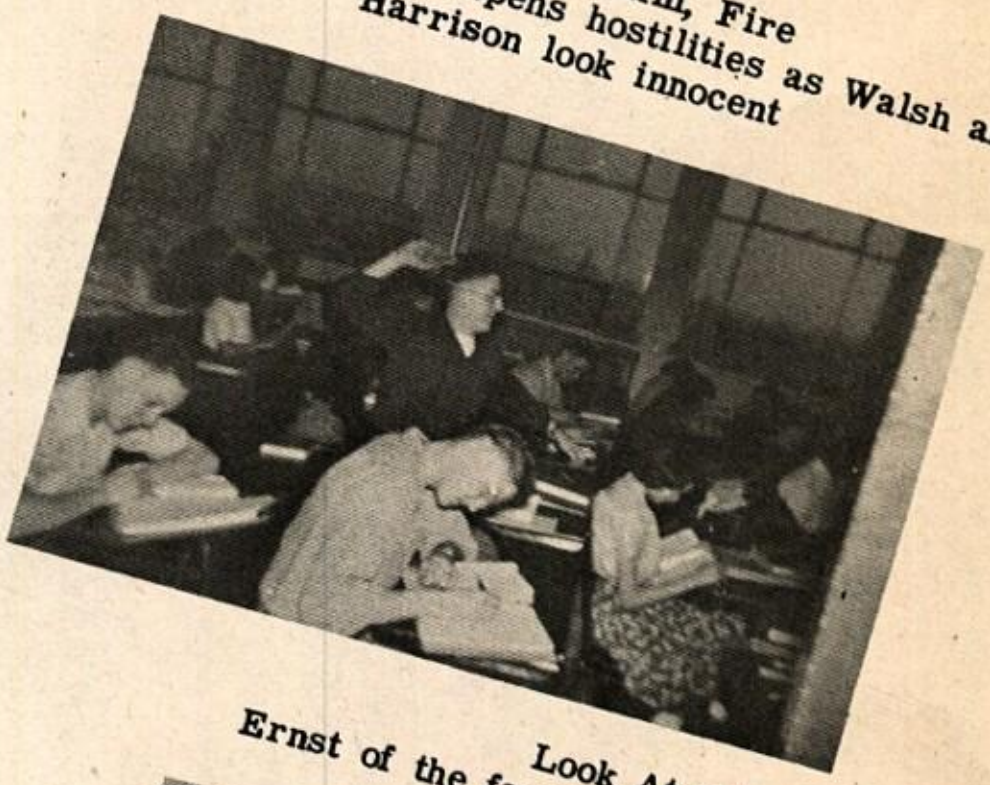
New Carlisle 28
Washington-Clay 27.
So near but yet so far.

January 7 School days, school days. Students compare sox and ties received for Christmas.

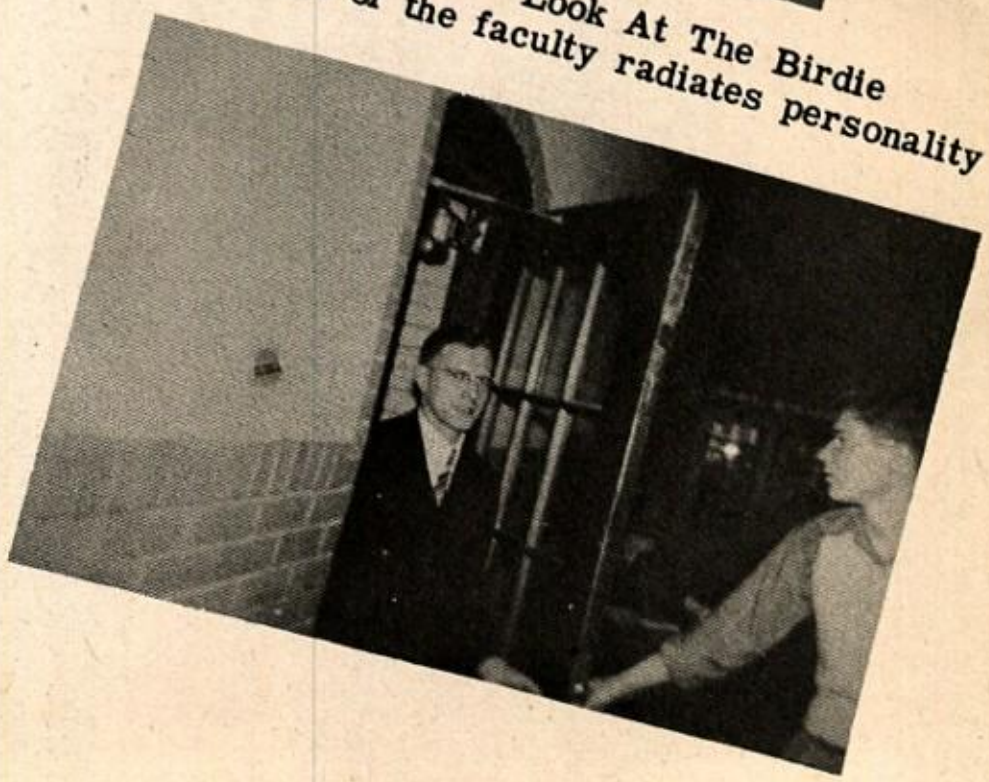
It Could Be Mickey Mouse
The seniors wait for Lights, Camera, and Action



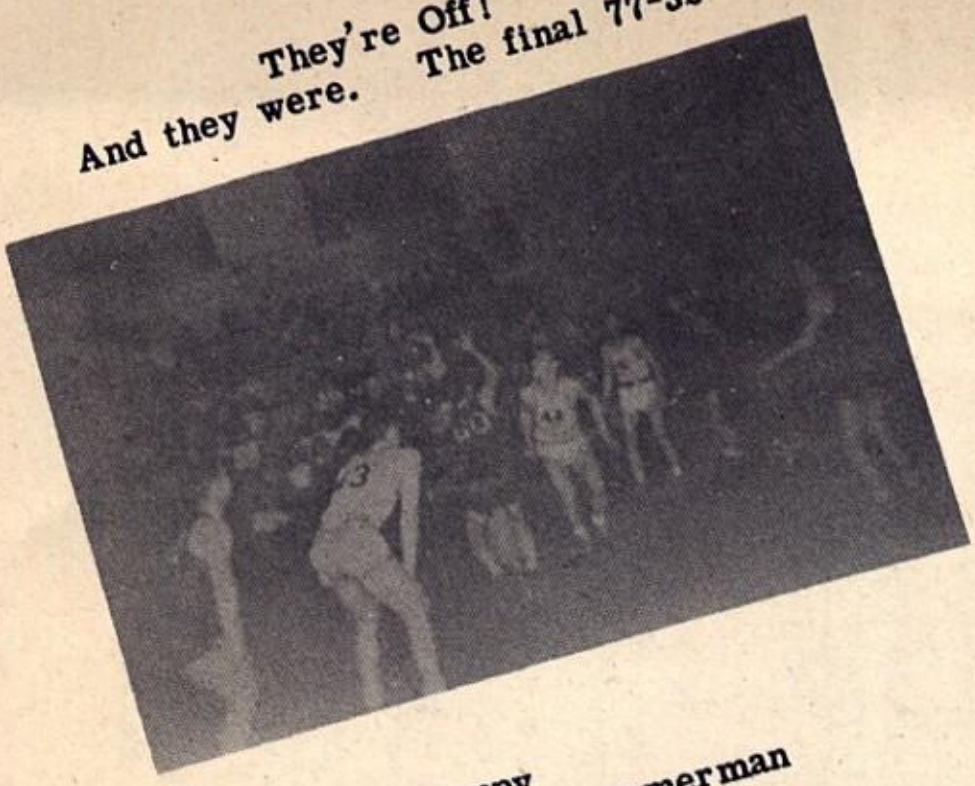
Ready, Aim, Fire
President Wilson opens hostilities as Walsh and Harrison look innocent



Look At The Birdie
Ernst of the faculty radiates personality



They're Off!
And they were. The final 77-30



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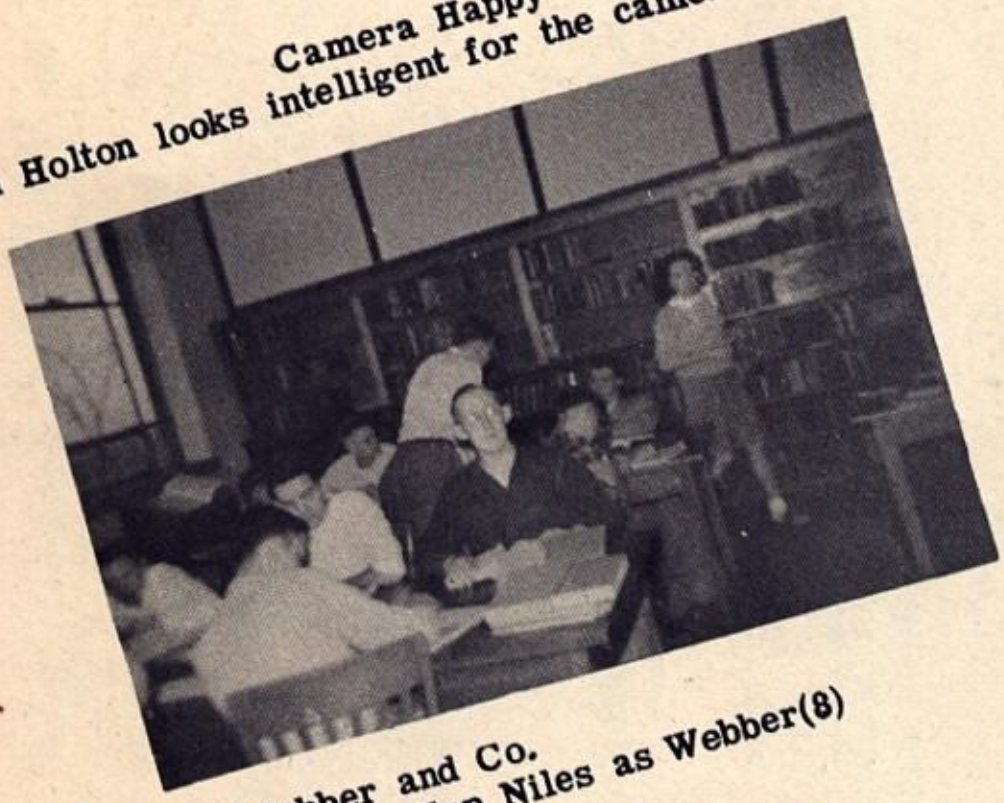
Jim Holton looks intelligent for the camerman



Webber and Co.
Bee teamers prepare to wallop Niles as Webber(8) opens action

January 11	Roosevelt's long, lean, and lanky Panthers return to Gary with a 27-21 victory.
January 16	Students burn the midnight oil as they prepare for the following day and exams.
January 17	Question of the week. "Hey teacher, when did we have this?"
January 18	County Tournament. Say Clayites, "Maybe next year" Final New Carlisle 30 Washington-Clay 20
January 20	Charlie Helmen wins Colonial's contest for picking tournament winners. Says Mr. Helmen, "I picked 'em out of a hat."
January 21	Second semester begins. Students breathe easy after semester exams.
January 23	Washington 44 Washington-Clay 41. Getting better all the time.
January 26	Wakarusa 37 Washington-Clay 35 Indians use knives and clubs for two point victory in a contest which was slightly rough. First down and ten.
January 28	Seniors capture intramural basketball championship.
January 29	Washington-Clay 77 Niles 30. Colonials go hoop-happy for new scoring record.

February 1 — Robert Walton of the South Bend Tribune lectures on his experiences in Tokyo.

February 2 — Washington-Clay 34 Madison 31. Last minute finish.

February 4 — Class choose kings and queens to represent them at the carnival. The race is on.

February 5 — Woodrow Wilson 37 Washington-Clay 30. It could have been worse.

February 9 — No,no,no, it couldn't be true. But it was. Central Catholic 33 Washington-Clay 32

February 15 — Woopee, hoorah, and all that. Colonials defeat Lakeville and bring home the roving trophy.

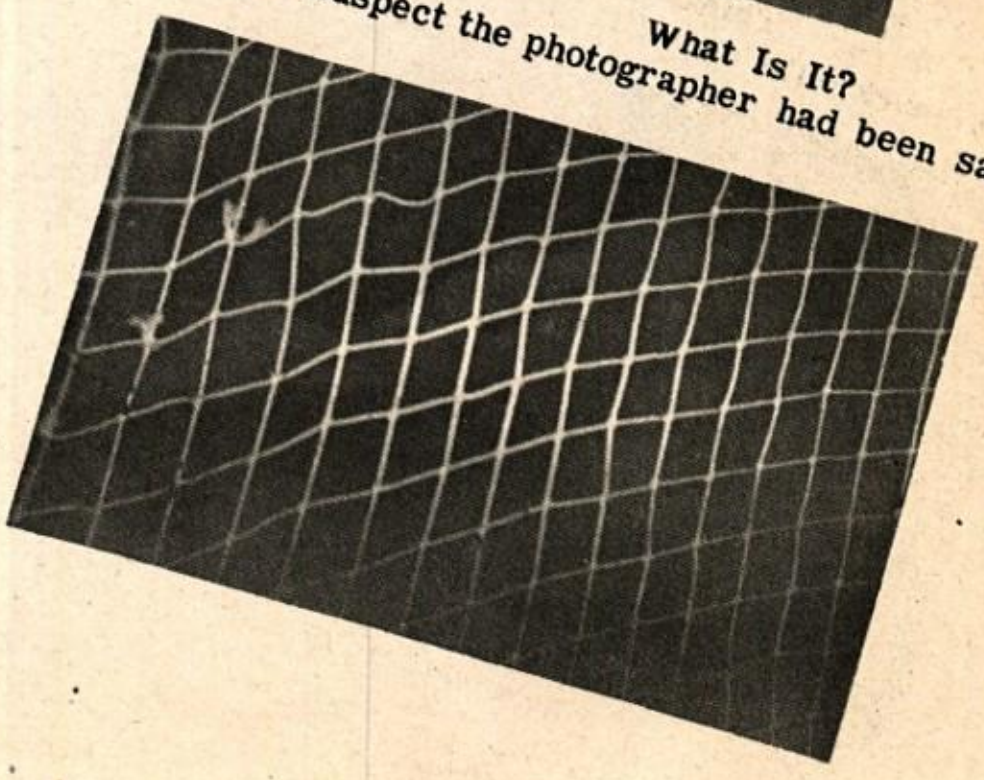
February 16 — Drawings for the sectional tournament. You guessed it. Washington-Clay vs New Carlisle

February 18 — Pep rally held before tournament. Will we or won't we. Says Jim Holton, noted sports expert, "We have a very good chance if we can eliminate fourteen other teams."

Lost Weekend
He just wanted to see what it tasted like.

Once Upon A Time. .
Mr. Rogers and his literature class

What Is It?
We suspect the photographer had been sampling



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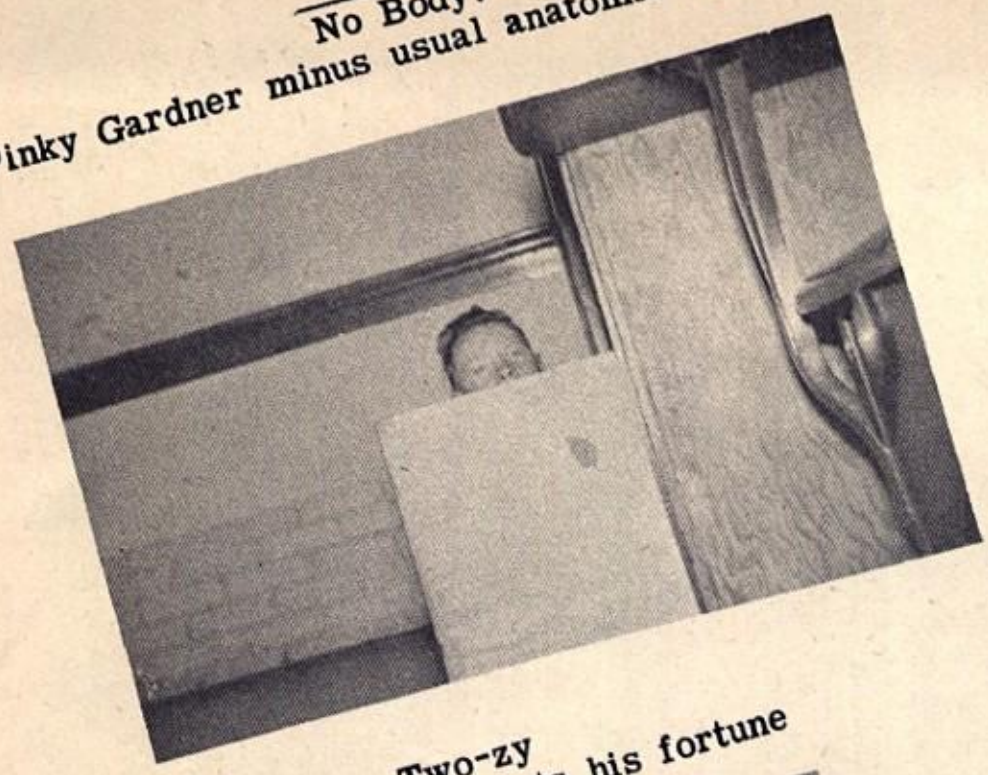
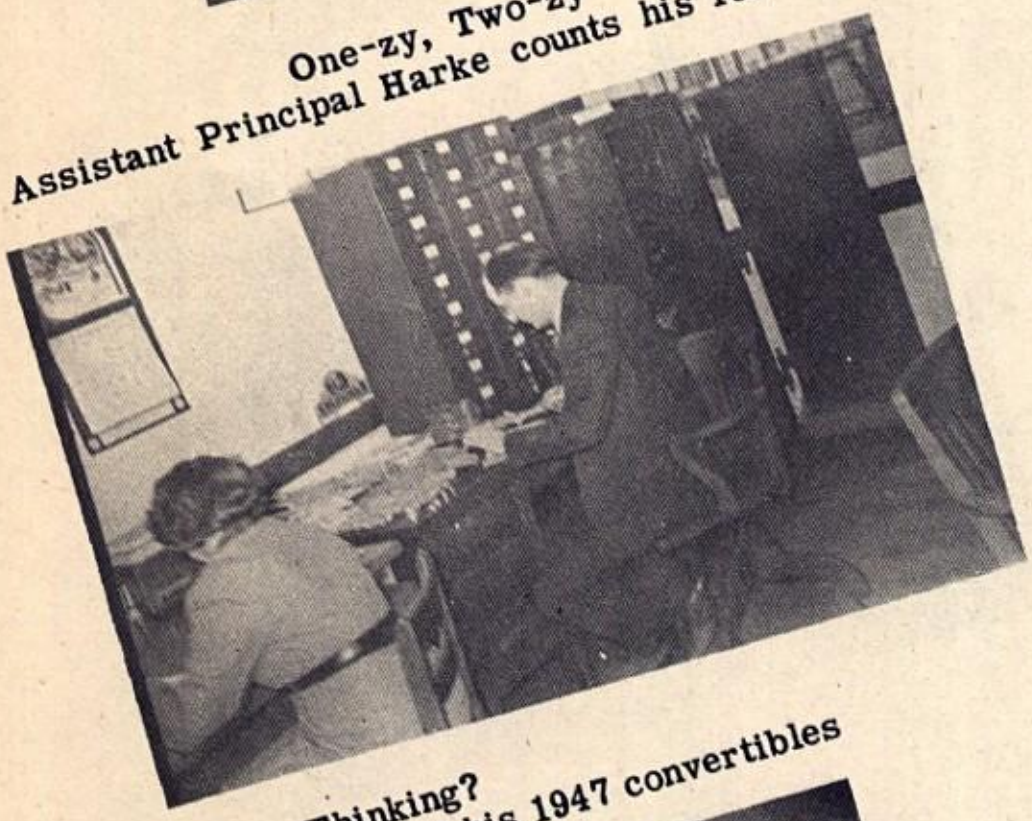
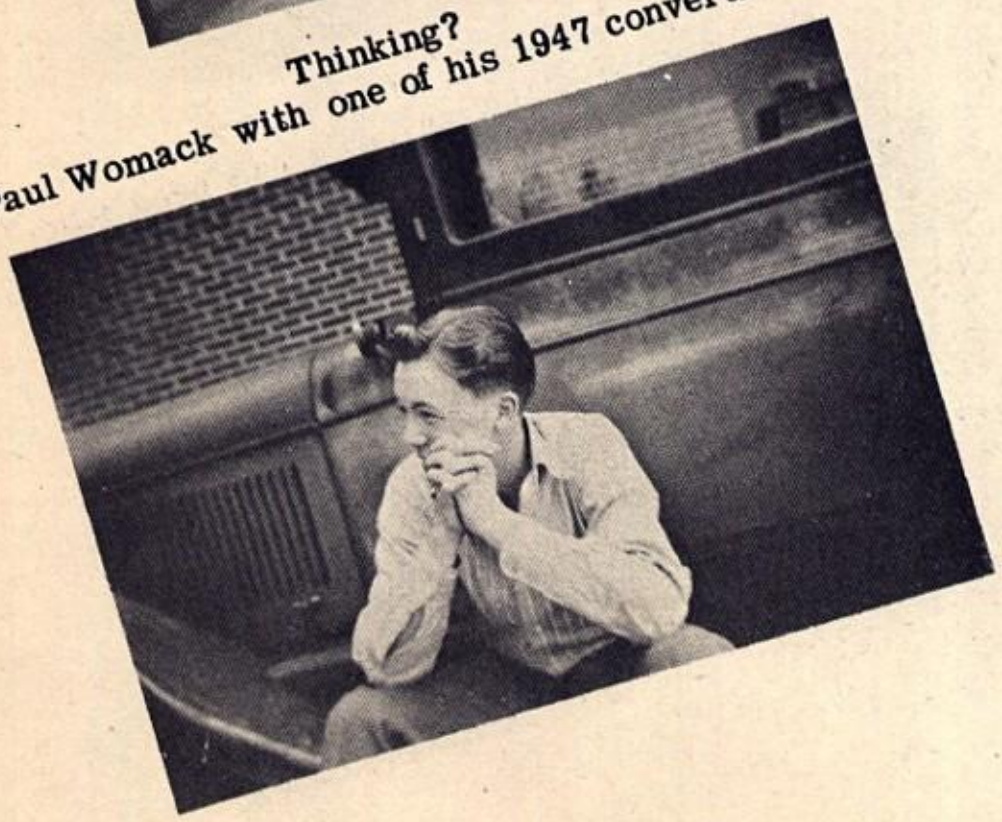
Pinky Gardner minus usual anatomical parts



One-zy, Two-zy
Assistant Principal Harke counts his fortune



Thinking?
Paul Womack with one of his 1947 convertibles



February 21	New Carlisle 34 Washington-Clay 33 in a photo finish. New Carlisle goes to the finals.
February 23	Contest begins to elect kings and queens for the carnival. Does anybody want to buy some carnival tickets?
February 28	Plans complete for carnival. Freshmen and sixth grade lead contests.
March 1	Carnival held. Kings and queens: for the senior high, freshmen Dale Walsh and Nancy Harrison; for the junior high, sixth graders Dale Stout and Nancy Gollnick.
March 2	Back to normal after Friday night. Would anybody want some carnival tickets?
March 14	Sophomores capture intraclass championship by defeating Seniors 48-42. In preliminary games the sophomores defeat the freshmen and the seniors defeat the juniors.
March 15	Spring vacation begins, Ah, the flowers, the bees, and the birds.

March 15 — Spring Hop presented by the Minute Men. Kenny Sugonis, the poor man's Tommy Dorsey, entertained

March 21 — Spring has sprung, the grass has riz. I wonder where the flowers is.

Washington-Clay's future poets prepare for spring.

March 25 — Back to school.

April 1 — Mr. Harke announces that the deadline date for term papers will be moved two weeks forward and that school will be dismissed April 7. We forgot about the date

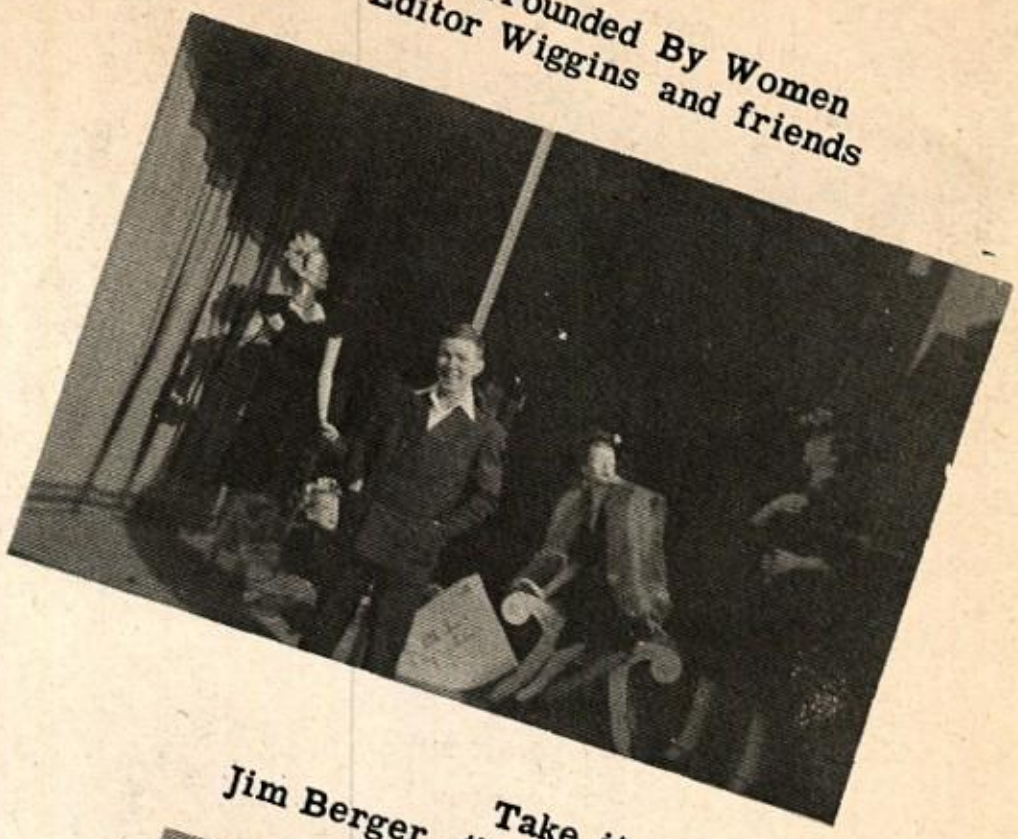
April 4 — Baseball season begins with Woodrow Wilson as the party of the second part

April 12 — The junior class sponsors a skating party. Pass out the pillows.

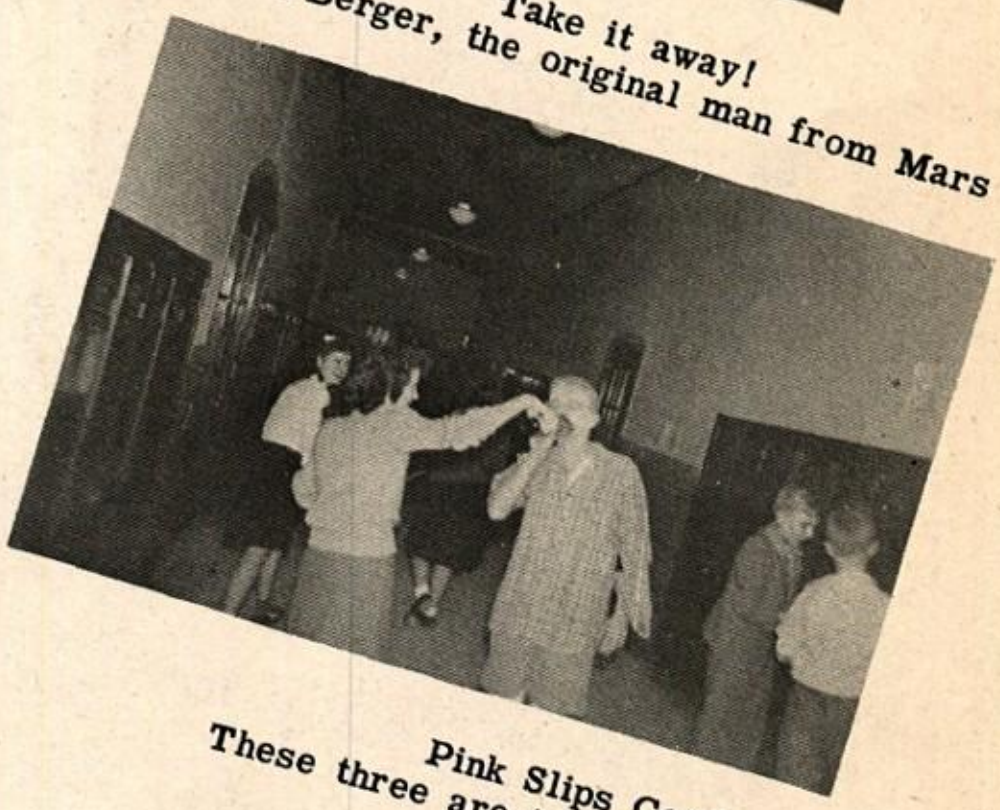
April 18 — Track season opens

April 26 — Senior skip day. Seniors depart for parts unknown. Shoot me the road map, son. I think we're lost. In fact, I think we're in Granger.

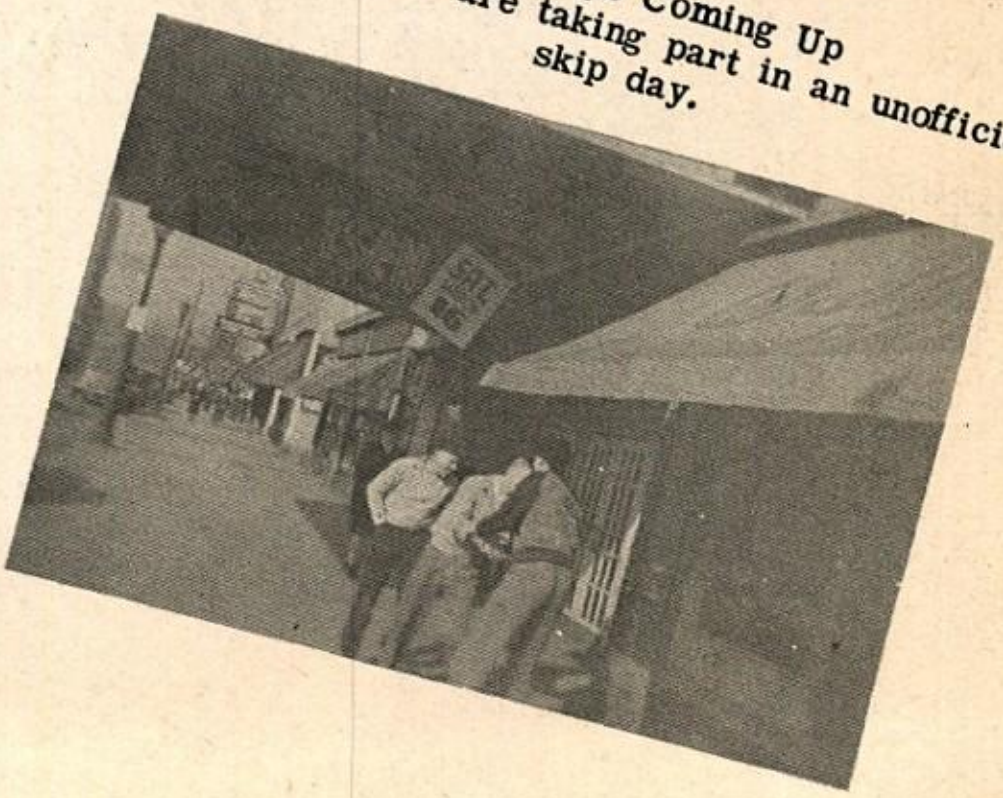
Surrounded By Women
Editor Wiggins and friends



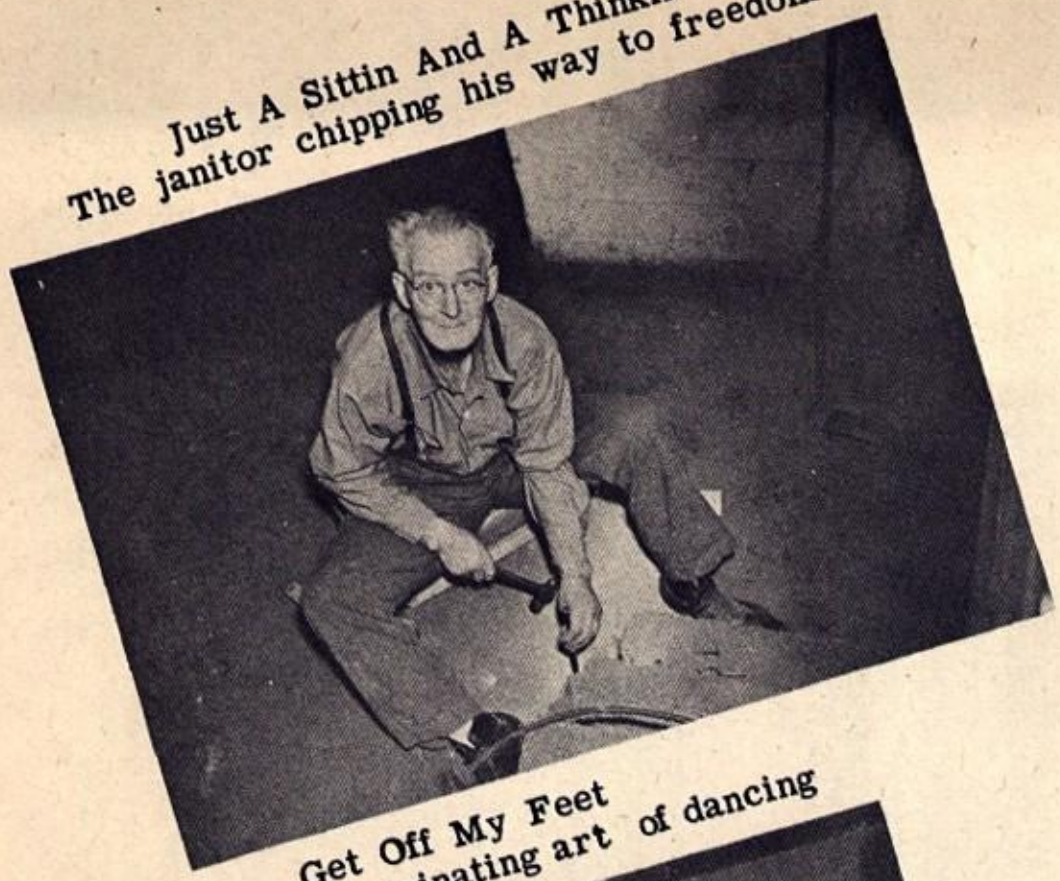
Take it away!
Jim Berger, the original man from Mars



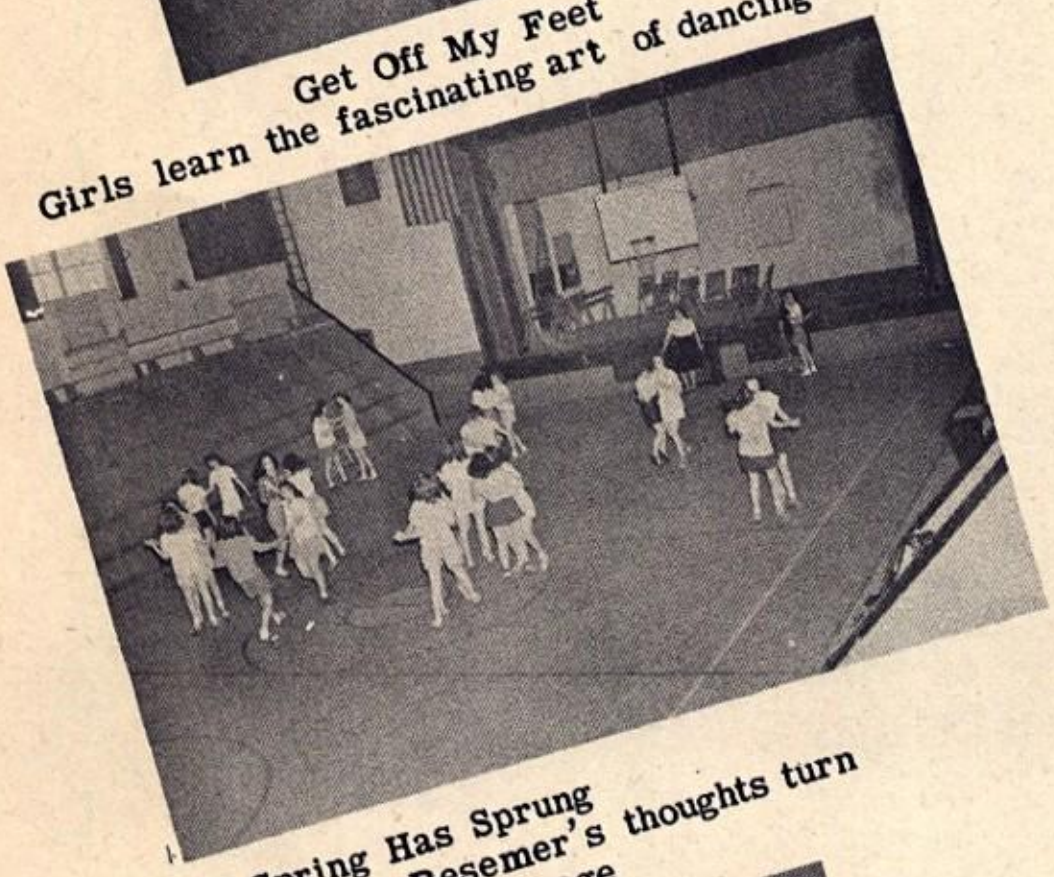
Pink Slips Coming Up
These three are taking part in an unofficial skip day.



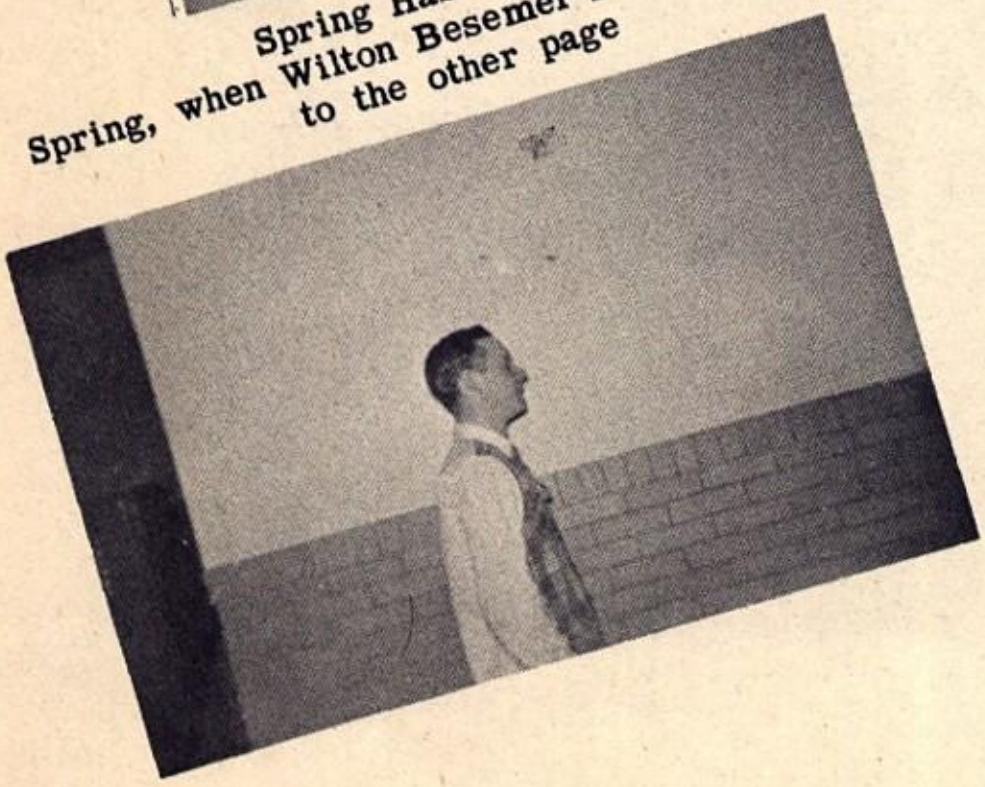
Just A Sittin And A Thinkin
The janitor chipping his way to freedom



Get Off My Feet
Girls learn the fascinating art of dancing

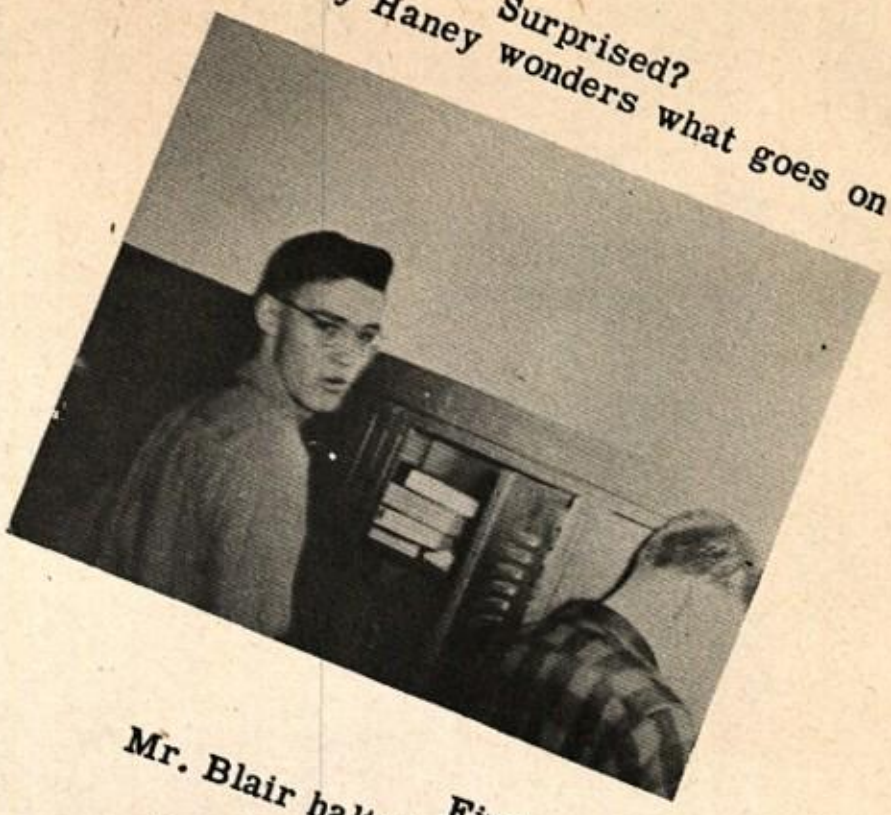


Spring Has Sprung
Spring, when Wilton Besemer's thoughts turn to the other page



April 27	All seniors present and accounted for, except Willie. Which way did he go?
May 1	The last mile. One more month to go, seniors.
	County Track Meet.
May 17	The grade school closes. The place is too quiet.
May 18	The Junior-Senior Prom. Four hours of dancing, then to the car, and which way did they go.
May 19	Question of the week. Where did you go last night?
May 19	Baccalaureate. Three days to go.
May 24	Commencement... Four long years, that don't seem so long now..the last march up the aisle...diplomas ...the recessional ...finis for the class of '46

Surprised?
Jerry Haney wonders what goes on



Fixit, Inc.
Mr. Blair halts his work for the photographer

Spring Has Sprung
Spring, when Betty Stewart's thoughts turn
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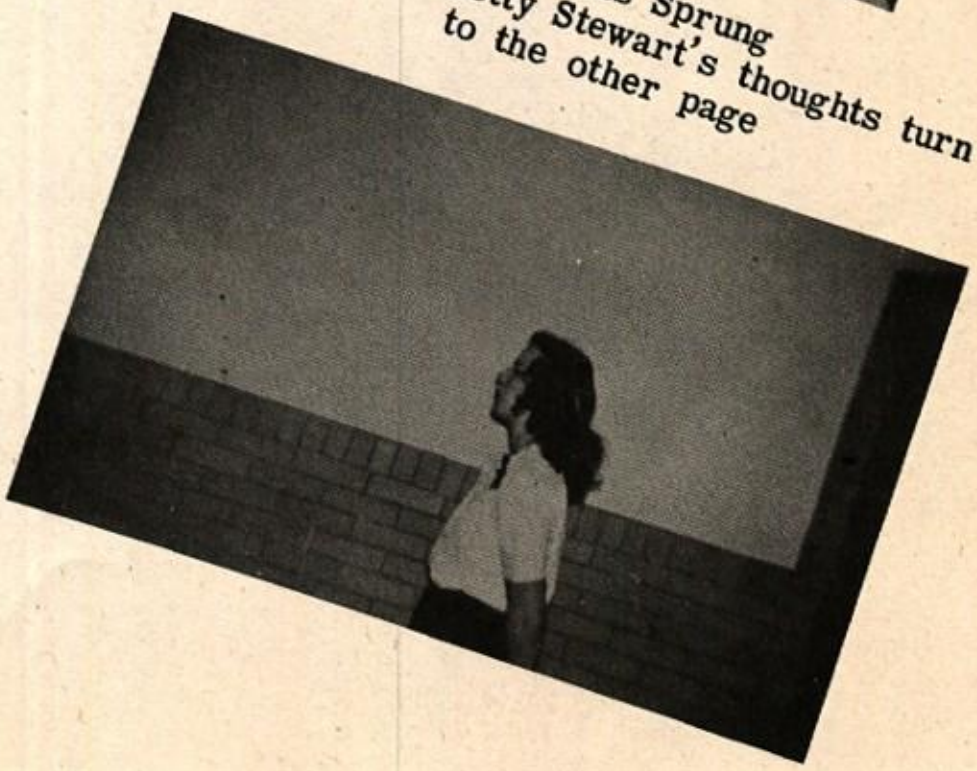
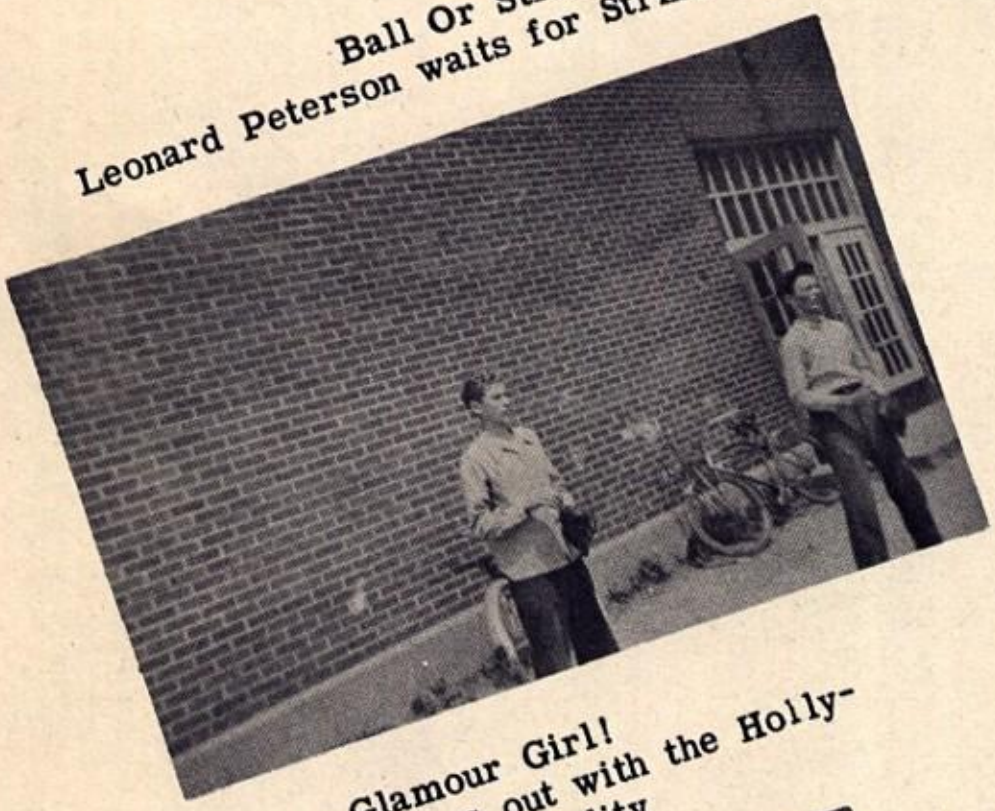
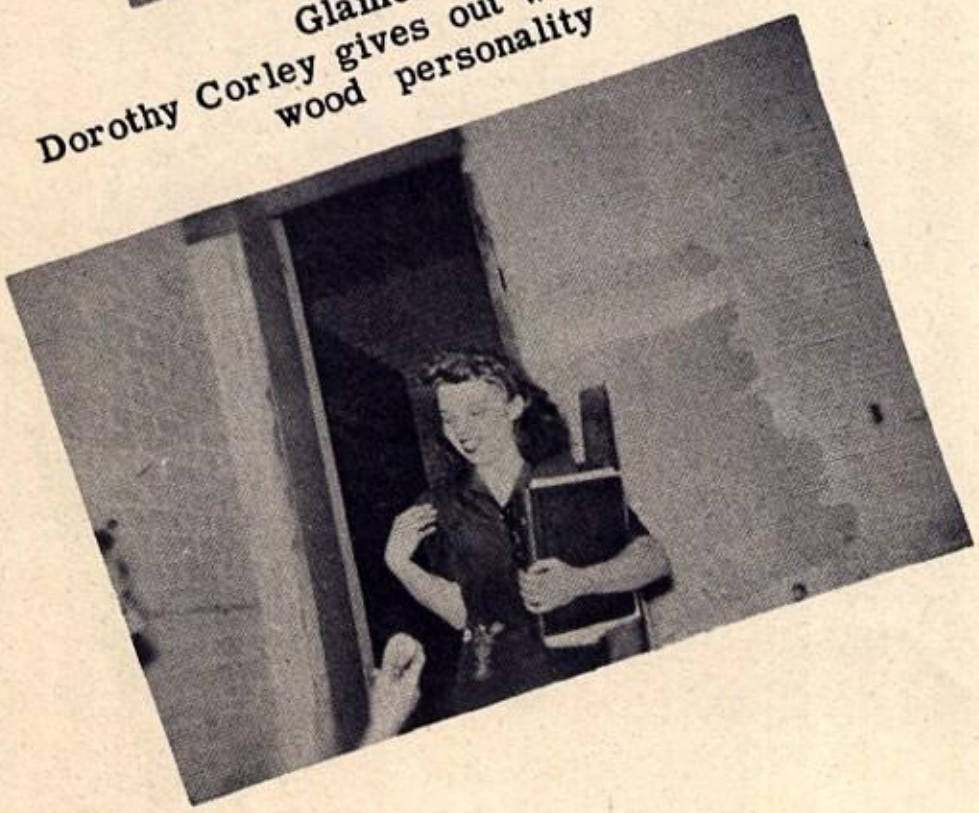


Heil!
Is it Napoleon or Benito?

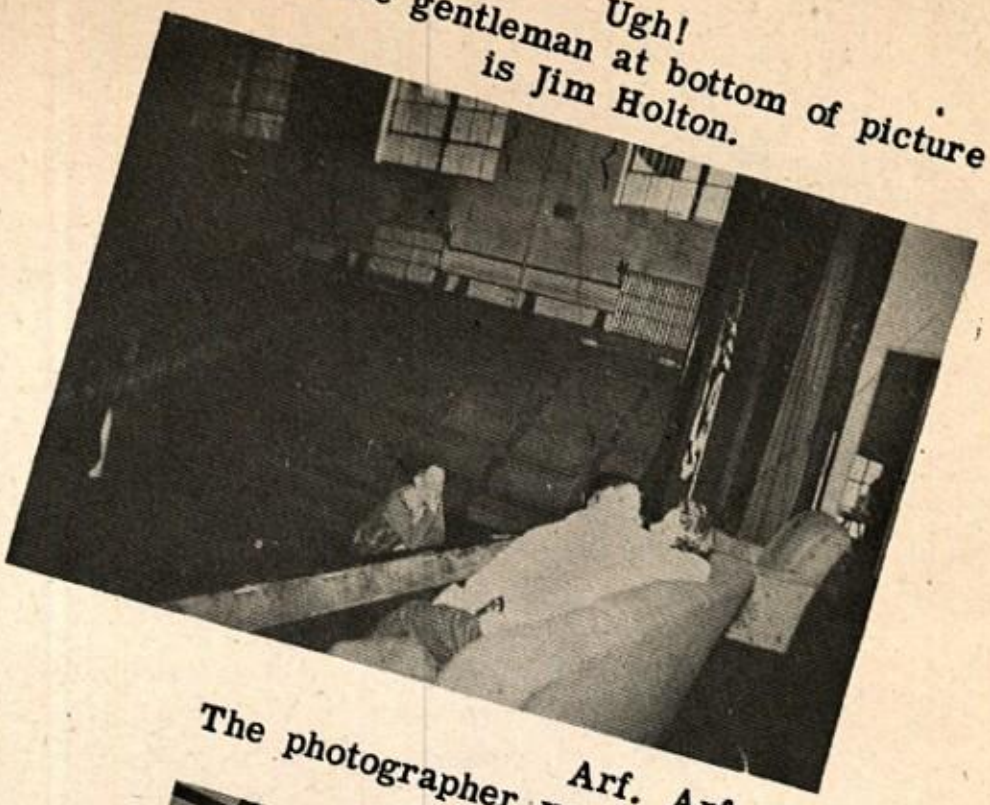
Ball Or Strike?
Leonard Peterson waits for Strike Three



Glamour Girl!
Dorothy Corley gives out with the Holly-wood personality



Ugh!
Inquisitive gentleman at bottom of picture is Jim Holton.



Arf. Arf
The photographer ventures into the girls gym class

Buddies!
Bob Bauer and Charlie Solbrig in the roaring '20 s

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